



13th July 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Start of Term September 2020

Thank you to parents who joined the **Year 7 Induction Webinars** last Thursday with College Headteachers. Mr Vass, Mr Chapman and Mr Nwanze (on behalf of Mr Harkness who sadly had a family bereavement on that day) very much enjoyed their “live broadcasts” and I hope that you found them useful also. At the same time, I hope that your son/daughter has enjoyed exploring the [Year 7 Transition Site](#) and is now feeling a little more prepared and excited about starting at Riddlesdown Collegiate in September. We have missed meeting them, but are looking forward to welcoming new students in the new year. I have been looking over some of the pieces of “best work” that students have shared with us already and have been very impressed with the quality and effort they represent.

The first day of term for Year 7 students will be **Thursday 3rd September 2020** and they should arrive for **8.30am** (no earlier than 8.00am, please) in full school uniform and with a packed lunch (PE kits will not be required). On this day, we shall deliver the **Year 7 Induction Day** which they usually would have experienced before the summer. This will include time with Tutors, getting to know the Tutor Group, some Taster Lessons, teambuilding activities and more! If you are dropping your child by car, please do not drive beyond the junction of Derwent Drive; there will be senior staff on the pavement, so please allow your child to walk from there. Honister Heights can become very congested and it will be even more important now that we all try our best avoid potentially large congregations. On the first day, students will be dismissed at the Collegiate gates at **3.00pm**. Again, if you are collecting your child, please park some distance away and try to maintain distance from others whilst waiting.

Year 7 students should then return to school on **Monday 7th September 2020 at 8.15am** (arriving no earlier than 7.50am). After some more time with their Tutors, who will issue Student Planners and timetables, students will begin attending regular lessons. On this day, students will be dismissed at **2.15pm**. From Tuesday, 8th September 2020, the regular timings will apply, 8.20am – 2.30pm for Year 7 students (please refer to my letter **Return to School – September 2020** for full details).

In spite of the strange circumstances this year and the different arrangements we are having to make for next year, I am confident that our approach will ensure a smooth transition for Year 7 students and I am looking forward to working with and your child. If you have any further questions, your child’s Tutor or KS3 Senior Tutor will be pleased to respond. I wish you a very relaxing summer break.

Yours sincerely

Mr S Dey
Principal