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Dear Parent/Carer

Principal's Update – Autumn Term 2

We have now completed a full cycle of our two-week timetable and students have settled quickly into new routines and adjusted to some different ways of working. We continue to observe and review our practices, making changes and improvements where necessary. Although I did not intend to write again so soon, there are a few issues to provide an update on.

412

We have been in contact with Transport for London this week over concerns that the 412 service from Selsdon has been unreliable. They have committed to resolving this issue by ensuring that there are sufficient services and that students are given access to board (as long as there is capacity and students wear a face covering). I hope that this will help students to arrive on time.

Entering & Exiting the Site

The staggered arrival windows are working very well; students in different “bubbles” are using multiple entrances and are now in the habit of washing their hands or applying hand sanitiser under the supervision of a teacher on duty as they arrive. When older students are exiting the site, however, it can become very busy at the front gate. Therefore, Year 10 and College VI students will now be dismissed via the rear car park. We know that brief transitory contact, especially outdoors, is not a cause for concern and we also realise that students from different “bubbles” will mix outside of school (e.g. siblings, on buses etc.) but we shall continue in our efforts to minimise contacts.

Virtual Information Evenings

As we are unable to invite parents to the site, instead of our usual face-to-face information evenings at the start of term, we are recording key information so that we can share links to virtual events. In the coming weeks, we shall write to parents with details of our *Welcome to Year 7 Evening*, *Welcome to GCSE Evening (Year 10)* and *Post-16 Transition Evening (Year 11)*. In addition, the [Parent Handbook 2020/21](#) is now available on the website.

Google Classroom

Teachers continue to upload lesson material to Google Classroom and so students are able to refer to work and resources there. This will be especially important for students who may be absent from school, in particular if they are needing to self-isolate without actually being unwell themselves. Whilst it is great to be operating with all students back on site, we are continuing to plan for how we might use further remote learning in the future, if necessary.

Yours sincerely

Mr S Dey
Principal