



30th October 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Principal's Update – Autumn Term 6

I hope that everyone has enjoyed a restful break. I wanted to provide some reminders and advice just before we return for the remainder of the Autumn Term.

Face Masks

The alert level in London remains at Tier 2 which means that **students and adults will now be required to wear a face mask whilst moving around the site in indoor communal areas, except for in classrooms** (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/face-coverings-in-education/face-coverings-in-education>).

Therefore, from Monday, all students must bring a face mask to school each day and wear it upon entry to the Collegiate, removing and storing it hygienically, as required. If a student is unable to wear a face mask for medical reasons, please let us know.

Extending Social Space

Over the break, the Facilities Team has extended the College VI Café to provide more indoor seating. Whilst the refurbishment is not yet complete, the extended space will be usable from next week and will immediately benefit College VI students and students in the KS3 Phoenix Bubble who also use this space during their social times. As it gets colder, we shall look to further extend the use of other indoor spaces so that all “bubbles” have some access to indoor provision outside of classrooms. Whilst the Common Room, Café and Library provide significant indoor space for College VI students, they will now be allowed to leave the site when not in lessons in order to reduce the number of people on site, if possible. College VI students are not required to leave the site during the day but will have this option if it suits their circumstances.

Being Prepared for the Cold & Dark!

The heating is on but, in order to keep rooms well-ventilated, teachers will aim to keep doors and windows open as far as possible. Students are, therefore, advised to wear their school jumpers in lessons (they will not be allowed to wear outdoor coats/scarves in classrooms and other non-uniform items, like hoodies, should not be brought or worn at school). As the clocks have now changed, we shall see it getting dark quickly after school. Students should be advised to take extra care when crossing roads, they should stick to well-lit paths and travel with a friend/small group (no more than six), if possible, to make their way home quickly.

Responding to Symptoms and Positive Test Results

A reminder that if your child or someone in your household is experiencing the symptoms of coronavirus, your child should NOT attend school. Please notify us and wait for a negative test result or the required period of self-isolation before sending your child back to school. If your child tests positive, please [follow the steps](#) outlined in my last update. **In other cases, there is no reason for a student to be absent from school.**

I look forward to seeing everyone on Monday.

Yours sincerely

Mr S Dey
Principal