



9 September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

We have had an amazing start to the term, which has unfortunately been sadly overshadowed by the passing of Her Majesty The Queen yesterday afternoon. This morning, tutor groups across the school spent their tutor period reflecting on her service to the country and what she meant to us as individuals. Once we know more of the national mourning, we will come together as a whole school community to pay our respects.

The weather has tried its hardest to ruin the first few days back, however, it has truly been a very positive week. I have really enjoyed meeting the students and speaking to them in assemblies. We have issued well over a thousand Praise Points already, recognising the great behaviours seen in lessons. The two new classrooms on South Site look fabulous and our new members of staff have settled in brilliantly.

For your awareness, our new staff are:

Marie Williamson (Receptionist); Jo Haycock (College Secretary); Suzi Wood (Healthcare Champion); Will Thornton (Cover Supervisor); Peter Carpenter (Assistant Headteacher); Mark Bannon, Megan Williams and Luc Hesdon (Science); Charlotte White and Joanna Bryce (Geography); Elizabeth Creaser (History/RE); Maddie Marshall (RE); and Rachel Godwin (Maths). In addition, Amber Cann has changed her role from College Secretary to Literacy Champion.

#### **Class Charts**

As mentioned in my previous letter we have bought in some software for issuing positive and negative behaviour points and for setting homework. Please watch out for a letter early next week explaining how to download the Class Charts app and log in to your child's account. Please be aware we will be running support sessions should you need help with this

#### **Attendance and Punctuality**

In my assemblies this week, I spoke to students about the importance of attendance. We have seen first-hand the negative impact low attendance can have on students' academic achievements and personal development. This will therefore be a big focus for the College this year. We want all students in every day. If you have difficulty getting your child into school, please contact Mr Carpenter or one of the Attendance team to see how we can help. From Monday, any students arriving late to school (without good reason) will receive a short detention that day. If you have a child who is prone to being late, I would be grateful if you could remind them of this over the weekend.

#### **Personal Details**

Next week, students will be bringing home a copy of their data collection sheets containing your contact details (home address, phone numbers, email address etc). Please could you check that these are up to date and return them to the College as soon as possible.

**September Dates for the Diary**

Year 10 GCSE Information Evening - Wednesday 14 September, 6pm - 7pm

Year 11 Parent Teacher Consultation Evening - Wednesday 21 September

Y8 HPV Immunisations - Wednesday 21 September (during the school day)

Community Open Evening - Wednesday 28 September, 5pm - 8pm

Whole school photographs – Thursday 29 September (during the school day)

Year 7 Disco - Friday 30 September

**Parent Handbook**

An updated 'Parent Handbook' is nearly finished and will be sent to you very soon. This will include some key dates for your diaries as well as some practical guidance about the school and how we can work together to get the best out of the students.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'A. Lingard'.

A Lingard  
Headteacher