



THE STONEHENGE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

As the first half of autumn term draws to a close I would like to thank all parents and students for their understanding during these exceptional and unprecedented times. After five months of school closure during national lockdown it was a great relief to re-open school in September to over 920 students. I am most grateful for your co-operation and compliance with our coronavirus protection measures which, to date, have enabled school to remain fully open without any positive confirmed cases of coronavirus.

Half term holiday. Wednesday 21 October is a TD day and students should not attend school. The last day students will attend is Tuesday 20 October, returning to school on Monday 2 November.

School uniform. Students may choose to wear a plain, black V-neck jumper during cold weather. Although temperatures may be falling we will continue to work with classroom windows open as the ventilation lowers the risk of coronavirus transmission. If students begin to feel cold in lessons as a result we will allow outdoor jackets to be worn. No hoodies or sweatshirts, please.

Year 6 Open Evening. Because of restrictions due to the coronavirus pandemic we could not offer taster days to Year 5 pupils this summer. For the same reason we were unable to offer Year 6 pupils an open evening this term. If you have children who are moving to secondary school next year, or if you know other families with children in Year 6, we have set up a virtual open evening on Microsoft Teams. This has been available live this week and a recording of the event is now available by clicking on this link -

<https://rb.gy/gr7zcv>

Catering facilities. Our catering facilities have had to be spread over five different year group zones in order to keep bubbles apart. Understandably, this has placed restrictions on the range of food and drink we can offer for sale. Our School Business Manager, Mrs Wakeham, has been looking into different ways in which we can offer an improved variety of hot food during the colder months. Students should notice a wider choice of hot food for sale after the half term holiday. A new hot food menu will be available on the school website detailing the hot food choices available each day, however this will still be limited



due to the facilities available in each area. Serving hot drinks is more problematic, therefore you may wish to provide your son/daughter with a hot drink in a flask to bring into school.

Hand sanitisation. Please remind your son/daughter to wash their hands before leaving home in the morning, and on return in the afternoon. We have established clear routines in school for regular handwashing but please remember to provide your son/daughter with a small bottle of hand sanitiser gel and a packet of disposable tissues. The layout of the school site has allowed us to keep year group bubbles apart without difficulty and for this reason we have not made face coverings compulsory. However this is kept under review and in the event of local restrictions we may amend this policy.

GCSE examinations – summer 2021. These commence on Monday 7 June. Year 11 will continue to be taught timetabled lessons through to the Whitsun half term holiday, that is up to Friday 28 May. Students then continue attending lessons until they have completed all their GCSE examinations in that subject. Examinations will probably not finish until the very end of June.

Yours faithfully

N D Roper
Headteacher

