

11<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Dear parent/carers,

I hope you and your family are well and enjoying the summer. This is the first of two communications that will come to you before the end of the summer. In the final week of the break we will write again to confirm how things will work at school from September, the health and safety measures in place and where your child needs to go on the first day. For now, I wanted to write to you all to let you know about a few key things in preparation for the September start as follows:

### **Return dates**

Tuesday 1st September is a staff training day and no students should attend on this day. Years 7 and 11 will start back with us on Wednesday 2nd September with years 8, 9 and 10 returning the day after on Thursday 3rd September. This staggered start will allow us to induct all students into the new way of working with added health and safety measures in place.

### **Equipment**

One of the key health and safety measures in place from September will be the individual use of most equipment by students. It is extremely important that students have their own equipment that they do not share with others. As a result, there are some items that we will be providing and some items that parents must provide.

#### The items we will provide are:

- Pencil case
- Purple pen for student responses
- Mini whiteboard pen
- Mini whiteboard rubber

#### The items that parents must provide are:

- Black pen
- Pencil
- Eraser
- Ruler
- Scientific calculator

*The calculator models we use are readily available as follows:*

*Casio fx-83GT PLUS/Casio fx-83GTX/Casio fx-85GT PLUS/Casio fx-85GTX*

### **Uniform**

A general reminder about this. The uniform has not changed and expectations remain the same – extremely high with all students in full correct uniform! The full uniform can be found on our website here: <https://cathedral.trinitymat.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Uniform-Policy-2020-21.pdf>. However, it is worth mentioning the typical issues we tend to have after holidays:

- Footwear (students must wear black leather school shoes, not trainers or boots)
- Skirts (these must be knee length pleated skirts)
- Trousers (School trousers only, no jeans or tight-fitting trousers)
- Hair (natural colours only)
- Piercings (no facial piercings, one ear stud in each ear only)

It is also important to outline that a coat and suitably sized rucksack or school bag is recommended. Even more than usual, we will be utilizing outdoor areas before school and at break and lunchtimes to help ensure distance between each year-group bubble. Therefore we want to ensure that students and their books and equipment do not get wet in the case of inclement weather.

### **Lunches from September**

The only way in which parents and students can credit their account is through ParentPay. The vast majority of parents access and use this but if you haven't already, please ensure you set up an account with the details we sent to you at the end of term and ensure it is regularly credited for your child to be able to buy food items. Another key point to note is that due to distancing measures, lunch service may be slower than usual and as a result we are encouraging parents to send students with packed lunches where possible from September until further notice.

Finally, I hope this is useful information at this stage and that it reassures you that we are moving towards full reopening from September. I will write soon with any final details before the start of term.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Marsh', followed by a period.

Rob Marsh  
Principal