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YEAR 7 SUMMER UPDATE NOTICE OF FORM GROUPS AND ORIENTATION SESSIONS

Dear Parents and carers, thank you for your patience whilst we have finalised form groups and planned our orientation sessions for students prior to the start of term, details of which are below. Please read the information carefully.

There is a link below to a video intended to help prepare students for some of the things they can expect in September in addition to the materials previously shared. We will go through these in more detail on the orientation days and also in September.

Please click on the link to view our preparation video <https://youtu.be/Gea-Xri5AWM>

FORM GROUPS

Students would usually receive this information on our new intake day in July which unfortunately we were not able to have this year as you know but it's taken us a little longer to get the information we need whilst working remotely.

In addition to this, we have had to make alterations to our usual form grouping format following the recent government guidance.

We know students will be eager to know what form group they are in. Details are below.

Form 7M is our Mandarin form. If students are not in form 7M they will be studying French and Spanish.

Students will be taught in these form groups for all subjects; this is to minimise student mixing. Students will be taught in their form room and teachers will move to them.

Careful considerations have been made of a variety of factors when putting these groups together and they are final.

(Insert name),

You are in form 7(insert letter).....

The form tutors are listed in the grid below so you can see you yours is. Remember they have made a video for you too which is on our website so you can have a nosey at them too!

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<i>Tutor group</i>	<i>Form tutor</i>
<i>7B</i>	<i>Mrs Noble</i>
<i>7T</i>	<i>Miss Goran</i>
<i>7G</i>	<i>Miss Evans</i>
<i>7E</i>	<i>Mr Hood</i>
<i>7M</i>	<i>Mrs Zhang</i>
<i>7R</i>	<i>Mr Fraser</i>
<i>7O</i>	<i>Miss Schofield</i>
<i>7Y</i>	<i>Mr Graydon</i>
<i>7C</i>	<i>Mrs Carrara</i>
<i>7L</i>	<i>Mrs Ellison</i>

We are not able to share our class lists so you won't know until September who is in your group unless you can check with your friends over the summer to see which form they are in.

If there are lots of people coming from your primary school you should have a few of them in your group. If you are on your own, then we have tried to make sure there is another person in the same position, in your group too.

Have a look at the materials on the website if you haven't done so already.

Please try not to worry, you will be fine and we will support you in September!

We are looking forward to seeing you then.

For now, I hope you have a lovely summer holiday

Miss McFadden

ORIENTATION SESSIONS

We would also like to take this opportunity to invite you and your child to an **Information and Orientation session** on either 1st or 2nd September which we can use as an orientation session and a chance for students to meet members of their form group.

We will use this time to deliver a short presentation to parents and carers to include some of the changes we have made in response to COVID 19 and explain how school will look for students. Students will be shown their form room and receive a short presentation too.

Please ensure you have looked at the materials on the website prior to the event. Although some of this information will have changed in light of the current situation and planning for re-opening, it is important you have a good understanding of how school would normally work. We won't have time to go over everything with the usual level of detail unfortunately but will aim to outline key aspects of school life, as well as changes we have made in light of the recent government guidance.

Your child's allocated session is detailed below. Only 1 parent/carer per student to attend please.

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Please arrive **promptly** at the times below via the student entrance on Lee Lane East (not the main drive).

Times are not changeable I'm afraid and we ask you to arrive promptly for your allocated session if you would like to attend. Social distancing rules must be adhered to whilst on site please where possible. If you would like to wear a face covering, we encourage you to do so but it is not mandatory; the same applies for students.

We do intend to record the content so this can be viewed afterwards and for those who cannot attend- this will be posted on our year 6 area of the website.

Tutor group	Form tutor	ORIENTATION SESSION
7B	Mrs Noble	1/9/20 8.30am
7T	Miss Goran	1/9/20 9.45am
7G	Miss Evans	1/9/20 11am
7E	Mr Hood	1/9/20 12.15pm
7M	Mrs Zhang	1/9/20 1.45pm
7R	Mr Fraser	2/9/20 8.30am
7O	Miss Schofield	2/9/20 9.45am
7Y	Mr Graydon	2/9/20 11am
7C	Mrs Carrara	2/9/20 12.15pm
7L	Mrs Ellison	2/9/20 1.45pm

SEPTEMBER OPENING

Students will spend 3 hours with their form tutor on the first day in September where they will be guided through the information again and given opportunities to get to know their form group and ask questions.

Details of timings etc. of the school day and further bubble specific information will be shared in due course.

Please do try not to worry; we realise this is a difficult situation but assure you we will support students through this and they will be fine. Please do bear with us whilst we adapt to this new way of working.

Enjoy the rest of the summer

Kind regards

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