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Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 13 – September information

Following on from Mr Hughes' letter about reopening and my letter about results days on Friday last week, I wanted to also take the opportunity to thank you for all of your hard work and support so far with your son/daughter's time in SWB6th.

As you will have seen, September will be very different for students compared to this year and I would like to summarise those changes for SWB6th students in this letter.

Daily schedule:

The times of the day for SWB6th students has changed; students are expected to arrive at the academy at 9.15 and will be leaving at 15.30.

Students may attend for the lessons only and may leave the site during free periods if they wish.

Arrival and departure:

All students must be expected to sign in and out of the academy using their lanyard and the sign in machine in reception. Students must let me know via email before Friday 17th July if their lanyard has been lost or does not swipe so that a replacement can be organised ready for their return in September. If there are any issues with this in September, students need to see Ms Walker, Mrs Dunn or myself as soon as possible to resolve the issue. This system is part of our fire register policy and therefore must be strictly adhered to.

Students will then enter and exit the 6th form area via the stairs close to First Aid. This is their own year group entrance.

Typical day:

As students will only be in for lessons (including the CORE lesson each week and any resit lessons as required) they will not have a form time, this means that key messages will be presented in other ways, such as email and videos to watch. It is imperative that students stay up to date by watching these and taking the steps suggested. Form tutors will still have a key role in your son/daughter's time with us and we will let students know how this will work on their return in September. This is particularly important when we consider the UCAS process for example.

Students who wish to remain on site in between lessons, are welcome to do so and we will need them to stay in the 6th form area during this time and not use any other areas of the building as they have previously been able to.

Facilities:

Students are still welcome to bring in food from home and use the fridge, kettle and microwave provided for them in the 6th form area for use by 6th form bubble only. Should your son/daughter require food from the academy if they are entitled to free school meals, students will be asked to register their requirement with Ms Walker by 9.30 each morning, either in person or via email if they are not in at this time. There will only be a grab bag option available and this will be brought up to the 6th form centre for students.

Toilet facilities remains unaffected by these changes.

Students will be taught as a year group bubble in classrooms across Weston and not allowed access to any other floor to ensure they stay within their bubble to limit exposure to other students. Cleaning support will be on hand as in line with the rest of the academy.

Return date:

Year 13 students return on Friday 4th September 2020, all students need to arrive at 9.15 that day to collect important messages and their timetables. Results day information has already been sent out for those students studying the EPQ and the LIBF qualifications, along with resit Maths and GCSE results.

Uniform:

This remains unchanged and consists of:

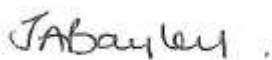
Blazer style jacket for both girls and boys, in addition to smart trousers, skirt or dress, smart shirt or blouse and shoes. Colours are not specified but the overall look must be smart. Students should ensure they have a bag big enough to carry their folders for their subjects that day in addition to textbooks and exercise books.

As stated above, students will need their lanyard to sign in and out of the academy each day and must be on display at all times.

The SWB6th form team are really looking forward to Year 13 with your son/daughter despite these extra challenges that we all face. These changes will remain in place until we deem it suitable to return to previous ways of working.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries. I wish you and your families well over the summer period and look forward to welcoming students back in September.

Yours sincerely,



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