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Dear Parents / Carers of Year 7

At the end of our first week I wanted to write and thank you for your support and for encouraging your daughters and sons to arrive in school, in full uniform, on time, fully equipped and ready for the day. Attendance and punctuality has been excellent and I want it to remain so for the rest of the year with everyone aiming for 100%.

It has been an excellent start to the year and Year 7 are quickly finding their way around the school site and becoming increasingly organised. Do encourage your child to pack their school bag before they go to bed each night. Do remind them that breakfast is free, every morning in the Dining Room. After school clubs are starting next week. We have a 'homework bus' which departs from school at 4pm every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Site staff have been working hard throughout the summer and have ensured that, where possible, we have cleaned up and refreshed the College grounds and buildings. Different areas have been painted, wall displays refreshed and classrooms are more presentable and engaging than before. We hope that this improved working environment will encourage all our young people to aim high.

Uniform has been of a very high standard and all pupils are wearing full school uniform. Year 7 and Year 8 have been provided with free school rucksacks and this will continue throughout their time at the College. I did write to you in July to say that this would be happening and please do remind your child (if in Years 7 and 8) that the only bag they are allowed to have in school is the one that school have provided.

May I also remind you that mobile phones must be switched off and kept out of sight between 8.30am and 2.45pm. Staff will confiscate any phone that is visible during the day and will return at the end of the school day. If the phone is repeatedly confiscated parents/carers will be asked to collect the phone from Student Services at the College.

As already stated, the College is aiming for 100% attendance and punctuality this year and as parents/carers we have a big part to play in encouraging our children to be in school, on time, every day. Minor illnesses should be treated with care but please send your child into school whenever possible. If they are not here then they are not learning. Please continue to support your child and the College in promoting outstanding attendance and punctuality.

Finally may I also introduce to you some new staff members –

Mr M Hagan (curriculum leader for Science)
Mr B Boylan (second in Science)
Mr M McCarthy (curriculum leader for Performing Arts)
Mrs D Wailes (second in Maths)

Mrs M Hind-Portley (teacher of English)
Mr P Mooney (Associate Headteacher)

Once again, thank you for your continued support and please do not hesitate to contact me either to discuss a matter in person or by telephone/email.

Please see below for key dates for the academic year 2019-20.

Yours faithfully



Mr T Costello (Headteacher)

Tuesday 10 th September 2019	- School photographs for Year 7 and Year 11 students
Friday 20th September	- Inset Day, closed for Savio students as all year 6 from feeder primary schools will be attending Savio
Thursday 26 th September	- Open Evening for Year 6 students (6.30-8.30pm)
Thursday 17 th October	- Year 7 Mass and Progress Evening (details to follow)
Friday 25th October	- School finishes at 2.45pm for half term
Monday 4th November	- Inset Day, closed for students
Tuesday 5th November	- School re-opens for students
Monday 18 th – Friday 22 nd November	- Exam week (Years 7-11)
Thursday 28 th November	- Awards Evening (Years 7-11 plus 2018/19 Year 11)
Thursday 5 th December	- Year 11 Parents Evening (3-6pm)
Friday 20th December	- School finishes at 12.05pm for Christmas Holiday
Monday 6th January 2020	- School re-opens for students
Thursday 23 rd January	- Year 10 Parents Evening (3-6pm)
Thursday 30 th January	- Year 11 Revision Evening (6-7pm)
Thursday 13 th February	- Year 9 Parents Evening (3-6pm)
Friday 14th February	- School finishes at 2.45pm for half term
Monday 24th February	- School re-opens for students
Thursday 27 th February	- Year 9 Options Evening
Thursday 12 th March	- Year 8 Parents Evening (3-6pm)
Friday 3rd April	- School finishes at 2.45pm for Spring Break Holiday
Monday 20th April	- School re-opens for students
Thursday 23 rd April	- Year 7 Parents Evening (3-6pm)
Friday 22 nd May	- School closes at 2.45pm for half term
Monday 1 st June	- School re-opens for students
Monday 15 th – Friday 19 th June	- Exam week (Years 7-10)
Friday 17 th July	- School finishes for Summer Holiday