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Dear Parents / Carers,

Thank you for the support and patience that you have demonstrated during this first week back to school in what are of course, exceptional circumstances.

The students have been magnificent in their approach, demonstrating exceptional maturity and resilience to help us ensure that the school is safe and operational. As a result, the school has felt very calm and purposeful and it so lovely to see our students back in school and working hard.

You may already be aware, we have welcomed four new teachers to the academy since the start of lockdown and I would like to therefore officially introduce to you, Mr Martin (Head of Performing Arts), Mr Lucas (Science Teacher), Miss Canwell (Teacher of English) and Mr Lemmon (Teacher of Geography). I know they have already enjoyed getting to know our students and are settling in well.

I do of course recognise that not everything has been perfect, we are constantly reviewing our procedures and have as a result already made some subtle changes to try and help manage the transition for pupils around the school during busy periods.

We are continuing to look at solutions to support lunch time arrangements, to ensure that those who wish to bring a packed lunch have somewhere to sit if they do not want to visit the canteen. From next week, we are also looking to make some morning snacks available for years 11 and 8. I understand that year 8 are the last sitting for lunch, and hopefully this will help. For year 11, this has traditionally been there privilege and as the year progresses, many of them find that they want to attend additional classroom sessions at lunchtime and therefore the opportunity to get something at break will help.

Whilst we are operating under restrictions, we will not be signing the student planner each week, however, I do ask that you continue to check this and monitor their homework etc.

It is our desire to ensure that school is as normal as it can possibly be for our students. We will therefore, over the next couple of weeks be looking to start our enrichment activities and I would encourage all students to look to get involved in something. Activities will be communicated during tutor time and in most instances, sessions will run for specific year groups. Where this is not possible, then distancing and precautionary measures will be in place. It is important to me that our students have a wide range of opportunities throughout their time at school and it is an important aspect to ensuring that they are all safe, happy and successful during their time in school.

I will continue to communicate with you as the year progresses to share how things are developing. We will continue to track and assess the progress of our pupils on a regular basis and you will receive reports and feedback as appropriate. We will consider what is safe and appropriate in relation to meeting with you for parents evenings / academic reviews. In the meantime, your first point of contact should always be the form tutor of your child or their head of year.

Year 7 and 8: Mr Gallacher

Year 9: Miss Holmes

Year 10 and 11: Mr Hodge

In addition, we will soon be commencing with our CAT tests for Year 7 and Mr Featherstone will be in touch separately with further information about that.

May I please again remind any student who is travelling to school by bus that the expectation is to wear a face-mask. These guidelines have been further reinforced by the government since our first communication back in July and it is quite possible that if they do not wear a face-mask then they may not be allowed to travel.

I am proud of the efforts of our staff and students this week and I feel it is appropriate to give a special mention to the new year 7 cohort who have been absolutely amazing. They look fantastic in their new uniform and it is also so nice to see so many of the older students also wearing this with pride.

It really is great to be back, but I am sure by now, everyone is now ready for the weekend. Have a lovely time whatever you choose to do.

Many thanks,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'MR ROWLANDS', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Mr Rowlands
Headteacher