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'Through learning to learn, pupils will access society'

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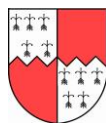
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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the first half of the summer term! As always, we have a busy term in Senior School planned with lots to look forward to and important goals to work towards.

Our theme for the rest of the year is 'International'. Holly Class will be focussing on Spain and will be learning some Spanish to accompany their new learning. They will also be re-starting gardening and we are hoping to get lots of flowers planted in the Senior School area.

Alongside this letter is a timetable for what is happening on each day in Holly Class; this will change after half term and a new timetable will be sent out. Pupils across the Senior School are going to continue to be split into three groups for maths, Communication and English. In addition to this, we will be splitting into groups for our Sex and Relationships Education lessons; you will have received a letter about this prior to the Easter break.

A few reminders / information:

Mornings - as with last term, please can pupils arrive in their P.E. kits.

Snacks – we are able to offer snacks at break time which pupils can buy for 20p or if they prefer, they can bring their own healthy snack.

Water bottles – all pupils need their own, named water bottle. We are unable to supply cups or bottles due to the ongoing COVID situation.

Clothes – a polite reminder that all P.E. kits and uniform should be freshly laundered on a daily basis.

Packed lunch – we very much encourage pupils to be as independent as possible, particularly now that they are teenagers and in Senior School. Pupils



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who have school dinners will continue to take responsibility for dishing-up and serving their own meals, and we are hoping for pupils who have packed lunch to continue with making their own sandwiches in school.

Homework – we are going to continue to set this on a regular basis. It is really important that all homework is completed and handed in on time. This is helping to prepare the pupils for the future and will help to ensure that pupils are making good progress towards their targets.

Independence – as previously mentioned, the pupils are working hard to develop their independence skills and there will be some homework over the coming term to help pupils to transfer this skill at home too. Here are some expectations for pupils at home to get them started:

- If your child walks to school, we are asking all parents to drop and collect their child from the bottom of the main school steps, by the pupil entrance. We will continue to practise road safety skills but it would also be beneficial to remind your child to look before they use the crossings in the school carpark.
- Pupils are encouraged to pack their own school bag, including lunch boxes. Please find attached a checklist that pupils can use to help them ensure they have everything they need for the day.
- Pupils who walk to school are encouraged to carry their own bags and coats etc. to and from school.
- We are encouraging pupils to leave their book bags at home and bring their home/school book in their main school bag. This is to mirror the age related expectations in secondary school.
- Lots of our pupils wear shoes with traditional laces in and we understand that for some, tying them up can be challenging. There are lots of alternative laces available that are cheap to buy and we have included some examples below. We very much encourage all children who are unable to tie their laces to consider using an alternative if Velcro shoes are not suitable.

No tie laces



Elastic lock laces



No tie curly laces



If you have any worries, concerns or questions at any time please contact us.

With best wishes,

Senior School Staff

Chestnut Class Teacher: Mrs Gordon

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Winton, Mrs Aresti, Mrs Nickerson

ELSA and Drawing and Talking Therapies: Mrs Bunce