

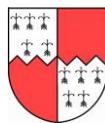
PROPELLER ACADEMY TRUST  
Fitzwaryn

*'Through learning to learn, pupils will access society'*

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the Autumn term, we hope you had a lovely summer! As usual, we have a busy term in Senior School with lots to look forward to and important goals to work towards. The students will be working towards their ASDAN Personal Development Award or Personal Progress accreditation as well as further developing their maths, English and independence skills.

Alongside this letter is a timetable for what is happening on each day in Senior School. To keep consistency with mainstream secondary schools, we run the Senior School very differently to the rest of Fitzwaryn. We set for maths, English and our new personal, social and independence curriculum. This means that your child may be taught by one of the three teachers across the Senior School at various points in the day. Registration will always be in your child's assigned class.

This term, and throughout the year, pupils will require the following:

### Daily

**P.E.** – all pupils to arrive at school in their P.E. kits. Their school uniforms should be in their school bags, ready to change into after P.E. A polite reminder that suitable P.E. shoes should be worn for all P.E. lessons and there is an expectation that all pupils will change after P.E..

**Deodorant** – all pupils should bring non-aerosol deodorant to apply after physical activity.

**Water bottles** – all pupils need their own, named water bottles. They are welcome to leave these in school or take them home at the end of every day.



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**Snacks** – we are able to offer snacks at break time, which pupils can buy for 20p.

**Reading and homework** – pupils in Senior School are expected to read at home on a daily basis and we will send home reading books and diaries, these should be returned to school every day. Homework will be set regularly and will count towards their ASDAN accreditation.

### Independence

**Drop off / Collection** - 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.

**Bags** - pupils are encouraged to pack their own school bag, including lunch boxes. 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.

**Footwear** - 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



**Clothing** - over the coming year, we will be spending a lot of time out and about in the local community. This is not weather dependant, and we will go regardless of rain or shine. Therefore, please ensure your child has the appropriate footwear and clothing for the day. They are welcome to leave any clothes in school.

### Lunches

**Packed lunch** – we very much encourage pupils to be as independent as possible, particularly now that they are teenagers and in Senior School. Pupils who have school dinners will take responsibility for dishing-up and serving their own meals and we ask that any pupils that have a packed lunch bring the components into school to make during lunch.

**Thursdays** – a small group of pupils will be cooking lunch for the whole of the Senior School every Thursday. This is in preparation for when pupils move onto the Student Centre where all pupils are expected to eat the same lunch together. We would encourage as many pupils as possible to eat the pupil cooked meals on this day. It would be really appreciated if you could send in £2, every Monday, to help fund this initiative.

If you have any worries, concerns or questions at any time please don't hesitate to contact us.

With best wishes,

Chestnut Class Staff

Teacher: Miss Watkins

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Bunce, Mrs Rance and Mrs Gibbs

Holly Class Staff

Teacher: Mrs Gordon

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Braham and Mrs Noakes

Tuesdays and Wednesdays: Miss Green (Teacher)

Friday Morning P.E.: Mr Slatter