PARENT FORUM 07 01 22

Discussed new lunchtime arrangements with two 30 minute lunch servings. All students now have the option to have a warm meal inside.

School finishes at 3pm which is when extracurricular begins. Just over 1100 students on site, just over 500 students participated in 1 or more extracurricular offer. Very few comprehensive secondary schools have such engagement with their extracurricular offer.

MUGA work begins on upper school playground which is used for games area, being converted to a 4G pitch from week after next. Was meant to happen last term but delayed due to supply issues.

Year 10 and 12 Parent Evenings' take place next week. The more parents engage and work in partnership with the school, the more students improve. This will be in person and not virtual and will be socially distanced.

Covid restrictions with face coverings in classrooms again. LFTs have taken place for all our students.

Thanks to school for supporting my child during AP1.

School tie change – historically boys and girls had different ties. If you have previously bought the different ties when please continue to use. However our uniform supplier now sells one single tie for all.

Emails sent to parents asking them to record LFT results, very difficult to get the tests. Noted, any particular issues please contact the school. Will Covid tests be taken at school every week? No, current Government requirements are that these only take place this week upon return their return to school after the holidays.

Thanks to school for these forums, can these be done with individual tutors as well? Heads of Years have a forum every 3 weeks for each year group. Child's form tutors are subject teachers who have a full timetable so very difficult to arrange. Please feel free to make an individual appointment to speak to them on the phone or visit in person.

Lockers for Year 7s: No provision currently for this, there are only a small number available for sixth form. Will review if there is a large demand for this but this tends to create lateness to lessons and issues with lost keys etc.

Can we see tutors at Parents' Evenings as well as subject teachers? Form tutors are also teachers as well, so in addition to seeing their tutees, they would be seeing their other students as well who they subject teach. If they are there and free at the Parents' Evening then please have a conversation with them by all means or make appointment via the school office.

Where can I get my child's AP1 results? These will be uploaded onto Go4Schools very shortly. The results are currently being moderated. Please speak to child's tutor if you would like to discuss individual subjects.

During detention the students are told to stand up. Students only stand up for late detention as they gather in the main hall and are spoken to. If there are individual issues with students' health then they can sit down. Students standing offers them a chance to think and reflect. This is only for the late detentions, the other detentions are seated. Detention is not intended to be a pleasurable experience.

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