

23rd November 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

I would like to start by introducing myself, My name is Mrs Nicola Morris and I have taken over the Head of Year role for Oak Year 10 whilst Mrs Blakey is on maternity leave. I will be the point of contact should you or your daughter have any questions, concerns or queries, and students can find me in Oak 13 at most break and lunch times should they wish to speak to me. I am very much looking forward to getting to know your daughter better over the next few weeks and supporting them through this important year.

It certainly has been an interesting start to the term, one like no other and I would like to thank Year 10 for the calm and sensible way they have dealt with all the events of the last couple of weeks. They have adapted so well, with many having to isolate; their approach to blended learning is to be commended and it has been a pleasure to hear how well the girls have been engaging with their lessons whilst isolating at home or whilst they have been working in their classroom.

With many students re-joining us this week I would like to remind you of the health and safety measures we have in place to keep them as safe as possible. As you are aware, face coverings are required to be worn in all indoor communal areas, such as corridors, to ensure the safety of all students and staff. If there is any reason why your daughter can not wear a face covering please do not hesitate to contact me. The introduction of year group lanyards has been highly successful, and these are now part of our uniform policy and should be worn on a daily basis, so could I please ask that your daughter checks every morning to make sure she has hers. Could I also ask you to emphasise the importance of social distancing, including at lunch and break times, and on the way to and from school, even in their year group 'bubbles'.

Our expectations in relation to attendance, time keeping and uniform remain high, however, if during these difficult times there is an issue relating to uniform please do not hesitate to contact me. The school's attendance target is 97%, so I ask for your support in ensuring that your daughter is in school at every possible opportunity. Again, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns regarding your daughter's attendance.

During these times I appreciate that your daughter may be feeling uncertain, worried and anxious about the year ahead. As you are aware your daughter has just started her GCSE studies and the new level of work may feel overwhelming. With this in mind we have been introducing wellbeing sessions as part of our tutor time work and during some PSHE sessions. If your daughter is feeling worried about anything please ask her to speak to her tutor or myself and we will help to support her through this uncertain time. There are also a number of wellbeing activities available on the student section of the school website.

Finally, I would like to remind you that we have 2 teacher training days coming up. The school will not be open to students on Friday 27th November and Monday 30th November 2020.



Please pass on my thanks to your daughter for making me feel so welcome in these first few weeks of my new role and please do not hesitate to contact me or your daughter's tutor should you have any questions or concerns. I have listed the contact details for the Year 10 Oak tutor team below.

Yours sincerely



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