



Archbishop Tenison's

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

8th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

The new school year has started well. As we reach the end of the first whole week I particularly want to thank all of you who attended the Parents' Information Evenings for the different year groups earlier in the week. The slides which we used then will be made available electronically.

The theme of this term

As we said at those evenings, a key theme for this term is developing the school's learning culture. This work has several different strands to it:

- Routines, such as those related to punctuality, equipment and uniform
- Responsibilities, such as those related to homework
- Respect for our shared educational purpose
- Resolve – taking good decisions and sticking with them in a self-disciplined way
- Recognition – developing stronger and more consistent types of rewards

There will be other things, too, which we identify during the term as being part of this work.

Practical improvements to the school premises

Over the summer one of our two boilers was replaced, at a cost of £60,000, as this also included installing a heat plate exchanger which will keep that new boiler in better shape for much longer. We have also had some important work done in the C Building to improve the use of space for both PE and the Year 7 Pastoral Team. Three other local schools have made significant gifts to us: of dining tables, of general classroom furniture, and of library books. We are grateful for this timely help.

Some parents have asked if the school is affected by the much publicised concerns about Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC). We have completed an initial assessment and, as far as we know, until a more detailed test is completed, there is none in this school.

Arrangements for our Open Evenings – Wednesday 13th September and Wednesday 4th October.

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In order to make sure that the school is ready for the two Year 7 Open Evenings over the next few weeks, on both occasions the school day will end after Period 5 at 2.25pm. Period 6 and Afternoon Registration will not happen on those two days.

On the day after each Open Evening, pupils will be asked to arrive by 9.15am in time for the start of Period 1. There will be no morning Tutor Time or Assembly on those two days.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard Parrish". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath it.

Richard Parrish
Headteacher