

21 July 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian,

### **Covid Update**

It seems that we are moving into a stage where Covid will be managed in the same way as other illnesses. As such, we expect that we will be able to discontinue our Covid email address from the start of next academic year and that we will no longer need to monitor staff or student isolation periods.

That said, we are also conscious of the fact that Covid cases are on an upward trajectory across the country at the moment and this may lead to a change of government strategy over the summer months. We will monitor these circumstances over the holiday and will let you know if we need to reintroduce any control measures in September. At the moment, this seems very unlikely.

### **Uniform**

As you consider uniform purchases for next year, please take a few minutes to review the information provided on our website regarding our expectations in this area:

<https://fallibroome.academy/school-uniform/>

This page of our website includes clear descriptions of our requirements for each element of our uniform. There are two issues that I would like to highlight in this respect:

- We have noticed an increasing number of inappropriate shoes this year and we think this has been caused by some retail outlets describing black trainers as 'school shoes'. Please note that we expect 'black formal shoes' and we have included photographs on our website to illustrate our expectations in this regard.
- Some of our girls are wearing skirts that cannot be worn at the expected length. In some cases, skirts have been adjusted at home in such a way as to make wearing them at the correct length impossible.

As we intend to focus on uniform standards at the start of next year, it would be very helpful if parents could bear these issues in mind when purchasing new uniform items over the summer months.

### **Uniform and Equipment Donations**

If you have any good quality uniform that your son/daughter has outgrown, we are keen to create a bank of such items that we can make available to other families. If you are able to donate such items to us, please drop them off at Reception, either during the summer holidays or at the start of next term.

We are also keen to receive donations of PE kit, DT aprons or working calculators that you no longer need.

### **September Arrangements**

Our plans for each year group in September are as follows:

Year 7

Term starts on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September

Students should gather on the tennis courts for 8.50am

Years 8-11

Term starts on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September.

Students should aim to arrive on site for 13:15

Note that the Dining Hall will not be available as we reserve this space for Y7 on their first day.

First lessons start at 13:30

Year 12

Term starts on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September.

External students should arrive for 9:15.

Internal students should arrive for 10:15.

Year 13

Term starts on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September.

Students should arrive for 9:50.

## **Ms Naylor**

We have a number of colleagues who are leaving us at the end of this year for a variety of reasons. However, special mention is due to Ms Naylor who has spent her entire teaching career at Fallibroome (40 years).

Ms Naylor started at Fallibroome in 1982, just a few years after the school had opened. At that time, we only had students in Y7-Y10 and the school buildings only included A-Block. Since then, Fallibroome has more than doubled in size and we have seen a huge transformation in the scale and quality of our work. In various leadership roles, Ms Naylor has made an important contribution to the success of the school over this period and I am sure that many parents will join me in thanking her for her commitment to our school and wishing her an enjoyable and fulfilling retirement in the years ahead.

## **Fundraising**

In total, our sponsored walk raised £4,750 for our South African partner schools. Thank you to all those families who contributed to this fundraising initiative. We will now work with our colleagues in Dennegeur and Grabouw to ensure that these funds are put to good use.

These funds are in addition to the hugely impressive total of £17, 913 that our students have raised for charitable causes through various fundraising initiatives during the year.

## **Annual Review**

We have just completed our Annual Review for 2021-22 and this can be accessed here:

<https://fallibroome.academy/fallibroome-academy-annual-review/>

This review is an excellent summary of the range of activities that have taken place across the school this year. A lot of the content has been written by the students themselves so please take a few minutes to look through this content when you get the chance. I am sure that you will be impressed by the quality of the production and by the diverse activities, trips, competitions and success stories that we have enjoyed this year.

I hope that everyone has a relaxing and enjoyable holiday period with their friends and family over the summer months and I look forward to seeing all our students safe and well back in school in September.

Yours faithfully

**F POWER**  
**Headteacher**