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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a really positive first whole week of school with staff and students reforming relationships and building new ones. It has been lovely to see the relaxing of Covid restrictions allowing the community to congregate in larger areas and share experiences with each other.

## **Student council**

Next week we will be re-establishing our student council where our young people will have the opportunity to voice their opinions and make suggestions on how we move forward as a school. I believe it has been quite a few years since one was convened at The Valley School. Tabled agenda items already include a new rewards system, structured activities for upper school students at lunchtime and charities the school would like to support over the coming year.

## **Open Mornings**

We are planning to hold two Open Mornings on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October from 9:30am to 12:00 noon.

This is an opportunity for the parents of our current Year 7 to meet staff, visit classrooms and see their children in school. As the new Headteacher, I will also be available to sit with you in the dining hall and have an informal chat about any concerns, worries or issues that you may have. I am planning to provide opportunities to meet parents of other year groups later on in the term/year.

## **School Uniform**

As mentioned above we are looking to introduce a new rewards system and this will apply to all areas of the school. We are working hard to improve the learning environment and have spent a great deal of time and effort making the building clean, tidy and stimulating to help the young people learn.



We are very proud of the school and we are encouraging the students to respect themselves and their learning community. Part of this is the students' attitude to their uniform and how they present themselves every morning. We will be seeking rewards that the students' value and some of these will relate to how well the students adhere to the school uniform and their attitudes to learning. For this reason, I am appealing to you to ensure your son or daughter does not miss out because they do not have any of the correct uniform in the house.

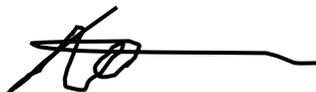
We are sympathetic when there are issues with purchasing uniform and we will help financially on a case by case basis if required. Please contact the school office in the usual way to discuss the support that is available. We also understand students' sensory needs and are making allowances accordingly.

### **Covid Update**

We are continuing to follow the DFE guidance concerning Covid and we are extremely grateful for the support you are giving us with this. Please remember to keep your child off school if they are displaying any Covid symptoms until they have received a negative PCR test. If they test positive then please follow all the advice provided by Public Health England.

I wish you all an enjoyable and relaxing weekend.

Yours sincerely

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David Pearce  
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