

## St Martin-in-the-Fields High School for Girls

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"Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I entrust my life." **Psalm 143:8** 

Friday 21 August 2020

## **Dear Families**

I hope this letter finds you safe and well. Thank you for your continued support, it is very much appreciated in these ever changing times. At the end of July we wrote to you with a provisional plan of how the new academic year would start. You will appreciate the planning involved in reopening and reorganising school provision. Not least all the government changes we continued to receive during the summer. To add to all of this, we were then faced with a huge workload in relation to the summer examination debacle. We therefore had to take more time to very carefully put our plans together so as not to bombard you with constant updates during the summer. Having said that, I am sure there will be more changes to come, but these are important for the safety and wellbeing for all.

We are now in a position to write to you today with the updated and final plans for return. Our priority will always be the welfare and safety of our students and staff. In order to do this, we will require full support from everyone in order to minimise the risk of infection. We have set out our expectations for return in a Family Handbook Guidance for Full School Opening. This is a very comprehensive document and ask that you read it thoroughly and carefully and that you discuss the contents with your child so that they understand the changes being put in place. The Risk Assessment has also been updated as well as the Visual Guidance. It is imperative you also read these documents.

We will welcome students back to school, from Thursday 3 September, a year group at a time, for a 'Welcome Workshop'. Induction details are in this letter, and can also be found in the <u>news section</u> on our website. On Monday 7 September all students will be involved in a full day of Induction, the programme topics have also been shared with you. The aim is to settle students to a school routine and be ready to start on their full timetable on Tuesday 8 September. We want students to feel safe, comfortable and happy back in their school.

Students should return to school in full uniform. This also means adherence to our dress code which includes hair colour and other body adornment. We do not want to have to challenge any student for non compliance. Please ensure that any hair colour is removed, as too are acrylic nails, nose piercings, earrings that are not in the lobe of the ear and any other items that would contravene our dress code. This is all set out in the Family Handbook.

There will be a lot of information for you to read and digest, however, I cannot stress how important it is for you to go through these documents thoroughly. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school. Before your child starts, please also top up parent pay so that there are sufficient funds for lunch. There will not be a mid morning service, so your child will need to bring a healthy snack and a drink. Again, all of this information is set out in the Family Handbook.

We very much look forward to seeing all the students back in school. It's been too long!

Yours sincerely

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| Key Stage Bubble | Year Group | Week Beginning 1 September | Start time   | Finish Time    |  |
|------------------|------------|----------------------------|--------------|----------------|--|
| Bubble 1         | Year 7     | Thursday 3<br>Friday 4     | 8:30<br>8:30 | 12:15<br>12:15 |  |
|                  | Year 8     | Friday 4                   | 8:30         | 12:15          |  |
| Bubble 2         | Year 9     | Friday 4                   | 8:50         | 12:30          |  |
|                  | Year 10    | Thursday 3                 | 1:00         | 3:00           |  |
|                  | Year 11    | Thursday 3                 | 1:00         | 3:00           |  |
| Bubble 3         | Year 12    | Thursday 3                 | 8:30         | 12:30          |  |
|                  | Year 13    | Friday 4                   | 9:30         | 12:30          |  |

Bubble images courtesy of Sarah, Year 11, soon to be Year 12!

## **INDUCTION DAY PROGRAMME - MONDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2020**

1. Behaviour and attendance

4. Step to success

2. Student wellbeing

5. Reconnect

3. End of the day reflection

6. Restart

| Bubble      | Year | Start | Lesson 1                      | Lesson 2 | Lesson 3 | Lesson 4 | Lesson 5 | Lesson 6 | Finish |
|-------------|------|-------|-------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|--------|
| Bubble<br>1 | Y7   | 8:30  | 2                             | 5        | 1        | 6        | 4        | 3        | 2:30   |
|             | Y8   | 8:30  | 2                             | 5        | 1        | 6        | 4        | 3        | 2:30   |
| Bubble<br>2 | Y9   | 8:50  | 2                             | 5        | 1        | 6        | 4        | 3        | 2:45   |
|             | Y10  | 8:50  | 2                             | 5        | 1        | 6        | 4        | 3        | 3:00   |
|             | Y11  | 8:50  | 2                             | 5        | 1        | 6        | 4        | 3        | 3:00   |
| Bubble      | Y12  | 8:30  | A bespoke Induction programme |          |          |          |          |          | 3:00   |
| 3           | Y13  | 8:30  |                               | 3:00     |          |          |          |          |        |