



September 13

Dear Parents  
and Guardians,

I would like to start by saying a huge thank you to those of you who came to join us for the Primary and Secondary assemblies yesterday morning. It was a pleasure to see you all and it was important that you were able to get to know all the staff. We have such a positive and dynamic teaching group with a great team spirit here and this bodes very well for the year ahead. I managed to visit many classes during the day and I saw hundreds of happy pupils getting to know each other, settling in to their new classes and already engaging with their lessons.



# WEEKLY BULLETIN



## Staffing

We are pleased to say we are almost full staffed with some final appointments this week. We are delighted to have appointed a part-time science laboratory technician, Neila St.Louis, to support the science teachers with ideas for great practical science. We also have appointed Andrew Brook as an IT Systems Coordinator and IT teacher who starts next week. Unfortunately, Jazz Williams, will not be rejoining the staff this year and we will need to ask for your patience in the area of SEN. Please contact Aine Mooney (Primary) or Steven Lockwood (Secondary) if you have any questions in this area. I am confident we will have this role covered quite quickly. As we promised last year, we will be fully transparent around any staffing changes, but we think you will agree we have an amazing group of teachers this year ready to go!

## IB Diploma

We are already starting our journey on becoming an IB Diploma School and have met with our IB appointed consultant this week. As we promised in July we would like to inform parents about our plans for offering this world class alternative to A-Levels in 2021 for our current Year 10. Mr Atkinson, our Director General, will hold an information session for Year 10 students and families and any other interested parents of younger students on Tuesday 8th October at 5pm.





## New Building

You will have noticed great progress with the new building over the summer with the walls and windows in place and we expect the floor of the sports hall to go down next week. Our current timeline is to have access to the building by mid-December and for it to be in full use for the school community in January. This term we are working with staff on planning all the interiors of the specialist spaces. We hope to involve students and parents in some of this process to get your input. We will keep you updated this term with photos and details.



## Security on school grounds

As we grow in size we are paying increasing attention to security and in future we will be moving to a system whereby all adults in school will be signed in and out and will be wearing a badge for identification purposes. Parents are very welcome within the school grounds from **08:40 to 09:00** and **16:10 to 16:30** (Early Years from 08:30 to 08:50 and 16:10 to 16:30). Parents are of course very welcome at other times but we would ask you to make an appointment via the Reception desk or directly with Class Teachers or Form Teachers via email. Please don't hesitate to come to speak to us if you have any issues or concerns.

We wish you a great weekend and we hope your children were happy in school in these first few days. We are doing our absolute best but where we do fall short, please get in touch.

Kind regards,

John Prince

## Upcoming events

**Tuesday 17  
September**

*17:30-18:30*

### Meet the leadership and teachers event

There will be a general whole school plenary followed by group meetings with your son/daughter's tutor and teachers in the classrooms.

**Thursday 19  
September**

*09:00-10:00*

Parent coffee morning with the Leadership team

**Wednesday 25  
September**

*16:20-17:20*

Parent Focus group preliminary meeting

**Tuesday 01  
October**

*09:00-12:30*

### School Open Day

In the spirit of openness all parents are warmly invited to be present in school and visit lessons in Early Years, Primary and Secondary.

**Tuesday 08  
October**

*17:00-18:00*

International Baccalaureate Diploma Program information session - Mr Atkinson, our Director General, will hold an information session for Year 10 and other interested parents.

