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Dear Parents/Carers

Bristol City Council would like to hear from parents, carers and families to help them to develop proposals for a Youth Zone in South Bristol detailed [here](#). The site could provide a dedicated and exciting new space where the city's children and young people play, grow, and learn. Youth Zones are affordable, high quality sites that give children and young people somewhere to go, inspiring things to do and supportive people to talk to. They can get involved in a wide range of activities, develop new skills and socialise in a safe and accessible environment. The engagement survey is open until Sunday 17 October 2021.

Additional – link to press release: [Youth Zone engagement begins - bristol.gov.uk](http://bristol.gov.uk)

Sepsis Awareness

Since tragically losing a pupil to sepsis while on a school trip overseas in 2019, Bristol Grammar School has worked with The UK Sepsis Trust and with the Outdoor Education Advisors' Panel to raise awareness of and the signs of sepsis, which they hope young adults and those looking after them will find helpful. A link to a new 17-minute video on sepsis and sepsis awareness, produced by The UK Sepsis Trust, can be found [here](#).

Vaccination programme for 12-15 year olds update

Bristol's School Age Immunisation Service is called Sirona. The vaccination offer will begin in the city's special schools next week and then be rolled out in secondary schools. Parental consent will be by e-consent and there will be separate consent forms for the flu and Covid vaccines.

In education settings, neither the flu and Covid vaccine will be administered without parental consent. Sirona has advised that should a child express a wish that they would like the Covid vaccine but the parent/ carer has either refused consent or not replied to the consent form, a phone call will be made to the parent/ carer to request this. If this is refused, the child will be advised to first speak with their parent/ carer and will be directed to a local community clinic.

Changing into PE Kit.

In line with Department for Education guidance, all students will now be expected to change into their PE kit for their PE lessons.

Students in Year 7/8/9 who have PE period 1 or PE periods 1 and 2 must arrive to school in their PE kit and change into their school uniform at the end of their lesson.

Students in Year 10 & 11 must arrive to school in their school uniform and change into their PE kit during their PE lesson. Students will then change back into their school uniform at the end of the lesson.

Changing promotes good hygiene and ensures students have clean, dry clothes to put on after their outdoor lessons. Students will change in a communal changing room in their PE groups. Lockers will be available on the main school site very shortly if students wish to



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store their PE kits after their lesson. If you have any questions or concerns with regards to changing, please contact school reception to arrange a meeting with the PE department.

Face masks

Please do ensure that your child(ren) bring their face mask to school every day. This is essential school equipment (for those who can wear them) that tutors will begin checking from next week.

PSHE Annual update

We believe an outstanding PSHE curriculum will support pupils in acquiring the skills, knowledge and understanding they need to lead confident, healthy, independent lives and become informed, active, responsible citizens. We do this by having a whole school approach to delivering PSHE education and having time allocated to PSHE each fortnight in order to teach the PSHE knowledge and skills in a developmental and age-appropriate way. These explicit lessons are reinforced and enhanced through whole school and year group assemblies, PSHE activities within the tutor curriculum, highlighting awareness days and charity fund raising to name a few. Please find attached a letter with details of the PSHE curriculum.

Food supply chain

Our caterers are working hard to ensure they deliver published menus. On occasion, unavoidable amendments may be required due to issues around logistics and product shortages due to national shortages.

Montpelier High School Iron-On Badges

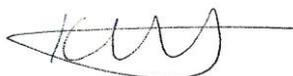
If you have purchased iron-on badges to cover up the logo on CGS blazers and your daughter has not yet collected this, can she please go to Shop 1 (near the PE office/courtyard) by Friday 1st October.

Lunches, Lanyards and ParentPay debts

Please can all parents and carers check that they have sufficient funds on ParentPay for their child's lunches. We are concerned by the number of students seeking to purchase food without sufficient funds. We will be writing direct to relevant parents/carers and thank you for your support. Any families who think they might qualify for Free School Meals can apply on the Bristol City Council website.

To provide a speedy service to the students anyone without their lanyard will be asked to wait to collect their lunch until the queues have cleared. If your child needs a replacement lanyard please notify school via the email address mhs-info@montpschool.org . There is a £5 charge for a replacement lanyard, the cost of which will be added to your ParentPay account, once paid a replacement card will be issued.

Very best wishes



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