



28 May 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have said an emotional goodbye to our wonderful year 11 and 13s and celebrated the end of their TAG assessments. We are incredibly proud of how hard they have worked and how much they have supported each other. We know that they will make a positive difference in the world as they move onto their next stages in education.

### **Safe celebrations for Year 11 and Year 13**

Bristol City Council have asked schools to share this message with their parents and carers: 'We know many of our finishing Year 11 and Year 13 students will be keen to celebrate and meet with friends as their time at school and college comes to a close. It's really important that we all do what we can to encourage everyone to stay safe, protect our loved ones and the city.

We encourage you to please communicate with families, guardians and carers of these students so they can have fun safely. It's important that our students:

- meet outdoors rather than indoors, wherever possible
- only meet indoors with six people (or two households)
- unless exempt, wear a face covering when using the bus or train to head into town
- try to avoid car sharing where possible
- wash their hands frequently with soap and water, or hand sanitiser if they're out and about
- be mindful about close contact with others – be kind and respectful to one another

For the full list of guidance, please visit [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk).

We also strongly encourage Year 11 and Year 13 students to continue taking regular rapid tests once they leave school. Rapid testing helps to pick up cases of the virus where people do not have symptoms and help us get back to what we love safely.

To find out where and how to get tested in Bristol, please visit our [website](#).

### **COVID-19 testing over May half-term**

As lockdown eases, taking a rapid COVID-19 test twice a week, even if you do not have symptoms, will help us stay ahead of the spread of the virus, particularly as new strains appear. Around 1 in 3 people with COVID-19 have no symptoms and are spreading the virus without knowing. This includes those who have had their vaccine.

We want to thank you for your continued support in testing. Over 40 million tests with staff and students have now been conducted as part of the education testing programme. Please do continue to take the test over the holiday and especially before returning to school on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June.

### **Years 7 to 10 school day**

As we approach the half term Spring break, I wanted to take this opportunity of reminding parents/carers and our students in Years 7 to 10 of the arrangements for the return to school on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June.

A [link](#) has been placed on the home page of the CGS website with the new school day timings but please find below a reminder of the staggered entry arrangements for the rest of the summer term:

## **Morning Entry**

Year 7	Entry via the Blue Doors	Arrival between 8:20 am - 8:30 am, for lessons starting at 8:35 am
Year 8	Entry via the Glass Doors	Arrival between 8:30 am - 8:40 am, for lessons starting at 8:45 am (Year 8 students may wait in Grasscrete Road from 8:20-8:30)
Year 9	Entry via the Blue Doors	Arrival between 8:30 am – 8:40 am, for lessons starting at 8:45 am
Year 10	Entry via Station Road or Glass Doors/Station Road, depending on timetable	Arrival between 8:20 am – 8:30 am, for lessons starting at 8:35 am

Students arriving outside of these timings will be asked to sign in at Pupil Reception, accessing through the visitor entry. Punctuality detentions will be issued to those students arriving late, without a valid and authorised reason. Delayed travel will not be accepted as a valid reason.

## **High standards, high expectations and high ambition for all**

Next term we will be consciously rebuilding our culture of high standards, high expectations and high ambitions for all. We know our parents and carers value this and will support us.

## **Uniform**

From Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June, we will expect all of our Year 7 to Year 10 students to be dressed in accordance with the uniform policy. This includes blazers being worn by all students – we suggest that as the warm weather continues, students may prefer to wear their blouse and blazer, and not their school jumper. If the classrooms become exceptionally warm, teachers will be able to give permission for students to remove blazers during lessons.

Although we have allowed students to wear coats in classrooms during the colder weather, from the 8<sup>th</sup> June, students should not be wearing outside coats, hoodies, scarves. They may, of course, wear a coat outside should the weather deteriorate significantly.

If a student is missing any item of uniform, they should speak to their Head of House/Assistant Head of House, who will try to arrange a loan item or issue a uniform card.

## **Jewellery, Make up and Nails**

Since the introduction of face masks in classrooms, we have seen a significant increase in students wearing items that do not adhere to our jewellery policy. Students may wear one set of plain earrings, one in each lower lobe. No rings, necklace, bracelets, multiple earrings should be worn. Please note that nose studs cannot be worn, even when covered with a plaster. Students will be required to remove any jewellery that is not in line with our policy.

## **Mobile Telephones**

If students are bringing a mobile telephone to school, these must be switched off and kept securely in the student's school bag, and not in the blazer or PE hoodie. Mobiles will be confiscated from students and kept in Student Reception for collection at the end of the day for a first offence and parent/carer to collect on second offence. For repeat offenders, we will contact parents/carers and arrange for their child's mobile to be handed in at the start of each school day for an agreed period of time.

## **Detentions**

To support us in ensuring every student meets our high standards Level 2 detentions will be held every day, in the main hall, with students expected to attend on the same day as they receive the detention.

Monday and Wednesday	3:50 pm – 4:05 pm
Tuesday and Thursday	3:20 pm – 3:35 pm
Friday	2:50 pm – 3:05 pm

Level 3 detentions are held every Wednesday, in Room 4, at 3:50 pm – 4:20 pm, supervised by a Head of House

Level 4 detentions are held every Friday, in Room 4, at 2:50 pm – 3:50 pm, supervised by a member of the senior leadership team.

All detentions are recorded on ClassCharts. If you require a reminder of your login details, your child can obtain these from their tutor.

### **GCSE POD**

All students have a GCSE Pod login. We would urge all KS4 students to be accessing these as part of their revision, however, KS3 students may wish to use these in order to challenge themselves further.

GCSE Pod run parent webinars so that parents can support their child in accessing them. The sessions cover:

- How to access Pods;
- Using the Learning Activities to enhance and embed knowledge;
- Podbooks and how to quiz your child;
- What to expect if your child is given homework on GCSEPod;
- Check & Challenge and self-assessment;
- Hints and tips on home learning

The latest parent webinar dates are:

2nd June at 5pm

17th June at 5pm

15th July at 5pm

Registration is required and can be accessed by using the following link:

<https://www.gcsepod.com/podup-presents-webinars/>

### **Medical Information for Students**

Please could all parents/carers complete a Medical Form linked [HERE](#). If your child is currently taking any prescribed medication, please also complete the Parental Agreement to Administer Medicine linked [HERE](#). Thank you to all who have already completed these forms. Any questions please contact our First Aider, Mrs Dushaj at [suada.dushaj@colstonsgirls.org](mailto:suada.dushaj@colstonsgirls.org).

### **PE Lessons from September**

We wanted to give students advance notice that from September where they have PE during periods 1 and 2, they will be asked to arrive in school in their PE kit, and will then change into the usual Montpelier High School uniform. Students with PE during periods 3, 4 and 5 should wear the usual MHS uniform, and then change into PE kit prior to the lesson, under the direction of the PE staff.

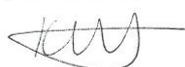
### **Lunches**

A range of hot and cold food is available for pre-ordering from our kitchen. Please click [HERE](#) to make your choices for next week. Please pre-select orders by 11pm on Sunday 6 June 2021 and ensure there is enough money to cover money owed (please note: only students who eligible for free school meals are not expected to pay for their lunches – all other student accounts will be charged). Many thanks for your continued support.

**Reminder - Monday 7 June is an INSET Day and school is closed to students.**

Have a lovely half term.

Best wishes



Mrs Kerry McCullagh  
Principal