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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you all well. Eid Mubarak to those of you that are currently engaging in Eid celebrations.

I write to update you on a number of matters as we move towards the end of the academic year.

1. Changes from Monday 17th May:

You will be aware that the government has released new guidance as to how we consider removing some of our current restrictions, from the 17th of May 2021. Leaders at Childwall Sports and Science Academy have reviewed our practice and have prepared for a slow and cautious release from our current situation.

Stage 1 will start from Monday 17th and will allow for most students to access specialist classrooms for their practical subjects, such as Art, Technology, IT, Drama and Music. Students will be escorted to and from their practical rooms by the class teacher. Where possible, students will exit via the nearest doorway and walk single file, following a route outside of the building before entering near the specialist room. When students are familiar with this routine, they will make the journey unaccompanied at the appropriate time on their weekly timetable. Please note, students will remain in their Bubble Zones at all other times including line up, break and lunch time. Unfortunately, it is not possible to arrange this change for all classes whilst we remain in our 'Bubble' zones.

2. Masks:

Due to the fact that we are implementing some change and movement around the building, we ask that students remain cautious and continue to wear their mask whenever possible. (Unless exempt.) This will be very important on corridors when moving to specialist areas, as keeping an appropriate distance will be a challenge.

Leaders will monitor the impact of our changes carefully and will move to a further release of restrictions if and when we have evidence that demonstrates little or no impact on the health and wellbeing of everyone in school. (No earlier than the 21st June 2021.)

3. Teacher Assessed Grades: (TAGs)

Included at the end of this correspondence are two documents for parents and students that include frequently asked questions regarding the process and timelines schools are following to ensure that your child receives the best possible GCSE/A Level or BTEC grade possible in August 2021. Please read these carefully.

Students and their teachers are working incredibly hard to ensure that we have clear and transparent evidence of the best work children are producing, and that the final grade that they are awarded is reflective of what they deserve after a very challenging examination period for them all.

*Please note that teachers are not permitted to disclose the final grade submitted to the examination board, to any student or family member. There is a very rigorous quality assurance process that will take place with external agencies, throughout June and July.

4. **Uniform:**

- a. Firstly, I must reiterate that all students in attendance at school should remain in full school uniform until the end of the summer term. Please ensure that your child is wearing appropriate **shoes** and attends school with the correct **equipment** for their studies. Trainers are only permitted if they are ready for their PE lessons on that particular day.
- b. After consultation with our student council, we are introducing our new school uniform from September 2021. This uniform includes the new school logo that has appeared in our branding for over a year now and some of the clothing has a red trim, as opposed to the blue we are currently familiar with.

Mindful that school uniform can be expensive, we are grateful that the Lydiate Learning Trust has secured funds to support our families. All our current Year 7, Year 8, Year 9 and Year 10 students will receive a free blazer for September 2021. Parents will be issued with vouchers over the next two months, which must be presented at Laser School Wear. Laser will then furnish you with a new blazer. Families with more than one child at CSSA will receive a separate voucher for each child. Each voucher has a unique number that will be registered with both school and Laser at the time of purchasing. No payment will be necessary. In addition to this, new ties will be issued to all students on their first day of term. Each year group will have a different tie that identifies them by a coloured stripe. (Please note, new Year 7 students will also be presented with a new tie but they will be expected to purchase the remainder of their uniform as they normally would.)

Trousers/shirts/socks/shoes will all remain the same and can be bought from your preferred retailer. Branded jumpers and cardigans are optional. Plain jumpers of the same colour are acceptable. The school PE kit has been re-designed to match the new style and branding. However, there is no expectation for families to buy a new kit for September 2021 if your child's current PE kit still fits appropriately.

Apologies for the lengthy nature of this letter. Thank you in advance for taking the time to read through these important updates.

Wishing you all a pleasant weekend.

Yours faithfully,



Ms J E Vincent
Headteacher



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