

From the Head Teacher

Welcome to the end of the first full week of the new term. All students are settling in so well and should be highly commended for their superb attitude to their own learning, respect for their learning environment and for managing so well within the constraints in which we find ourselves.

The wearing of PE kit to school has worked very well. There is excellent engagement with sports at STAGS and to see the students engaging so well is superb. In response to questions about leggings (mainly from older students where the PE kit was changed some years ago), leggings plain black or plain navy blue, can be worn under shorts or skirts, they should not be worn by themselves. If students have the new style leggings with the STAGS logo, then they can be worn by themselves as they are part of the designated sports kit. When the weather does cool down, students who have PE can wear plain black or navy blue jogging bottoms. The STAGS polo top with a STAGS PE hoodie/jacket are all appropriate for the top half.

Can I please remind you that we cannot accept items that students have forgotten, from lunches and water bottles, to art folders or a phone. We are doing all that we can to keep safe on site and mitigate risk, avoiding cross contamination. We would never see a young person go hungry, so please phone or email and we can support if lunch has been forgotten; but unless a dire emergency, please refrain from coming onto the school site during the school day.

It has been a great delight to conduct fire drills for each year group and see the calm and purposeful nature in which the students take their responsibility for safety and that of others so seriously. Again all are to be commended for this.

During the week, form groups have voted on all of the leadership roles within the school. We may not be able to conduct House events to the same extent, but virtual activities are already being planned to ensure enjoyment of wider school activities.

We conducted our first Year 7 online information evening this week and next week we have the Year 12 one. It is so important that we retain our communications, but if in doubt, please do contact us.

We are also conducting a virtual open evening this year and have filmed the school tour experience for all prospective families. My thanks go to Sydney, Maddison, Ariella, and Clara in Year 8 and Mia and Edie in Year 13 who supported this whole process so admirably.

As in previous years, we like to keep you updated with guidance about online safety. CEOP, the Child Exploitation Online Protection unit provide regular updates on safeguarding and safe use of the internet. Please click on the following links to access family activity sheets and guides:

- [Cyber security, including 6 cyber aware tips](#)
- [Privacy settings and how they should be used](#)
- [Sharing personal information and how they can help protect their child](#)

Finally, we were delighted to formally welcome our new staff to the school on Tuesday afternoon and also to recognise those who have received a long service award for 10 years at STAGS. My thanks go to Mr Taylor, Ms Derbyshire, Mrs Hassall and Mrs Wall for their great support of the school during their time at STAGS.

With all good wishes and appreciation of your continued support,

Margaret Chapman

Friday 11 September 2020

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

11 September - 30 October

Monday 14 September

- Open morning visits start

Wednesday 16 September

- Year 12 Information Evening (online), 7pm

Thursday 17 September

- Years 7, 10 & 12 Individual Photographs

Thursday 24 September

- Year 10 Information Evening (online), 7pm

Wednesday 7 October

- Parent Book Group, 6pm, Google Meet

Monday 26 October - Friday 30 October

- Half Term

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