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Dear parents/carers

We have had a positive and smooth return to school. The students have settled well and returned quickly to school routines. When I walk around the school, it is pleasing to see our young people engaged in lessons and restarting their learning after the summer holidays.

Well done to our Year 7 students who have made an excellent start to secondary school. They have impressed their new teachers with their enthusiasm and effort this week.

### **Key Dates**

Our school website contains an up-to-date calendar of events. We've also produced [this document](#) for you outlining key dates across the academic year.

### **Year 7 and Year 12 Photo Day**

It's photo day for our Year 7 and Year 12 students on **Wednesday 15th September**.

### **Traffic and Congestion**

We are once again operating as a full school which means that we have nearly 1500 students leaving our site every afternoon. There has been heavy traffic along the road outside of school this week due to parents picking up their children. The number of cars combined with the volume of students leaving the school creates heavy congestion along Heather Road. Please could parents ensure that they are mindful of where they park (i.e. not park on double yellow lines) and be considerate to other road users - we did have some heated exchanges amongst road users last week! We have eased the situation by staggering the end of the school day for different year groups.

## Start and End Times

As mentioned above, to ease the congestion of students leaving school on Heather Road, we will be operating a temporary phased end to the school day for safety reasons:

	Arrival Time	Arrival Gate	Departure Time	Departure Gate
<b>Year 7 and Year 8</b>	0820-0835	East	1450	Any gate
<b>Year 9 and Year 10</b>	0820-0835	West	1455	Any gate
<b>Year 11</b>	0820-0835	East	1500	Any gate
<b>Post 16</b>	0820-0835	West	1500	Any gate

## PE Kit

Following updated COVID-19 guidance, our changing rooms for PE have now reopened. Therefore, our students no longer need to wear their PE kits to school for Period 1. They must wear their normal school uniform to school and change before the start of the lesson.

## Issuing of LFD Kits

LFD kits will be issued next week to those students who have already had parental consent from last academic year.

In line with the Welsh Government Education Minister's press release on Wednesday 25th August "Take the steps needed to keep learners safe and learning", we encourage our students to take twice weekly LFD tests on Sunday and Wednesday evenings. **If you would like your child to receive LFD tests from school and have yet to provide consent, please fill in the following [form](#).**

Alternatively, you can acquire the tests from pharmacists and [online](#).

Anyone who tests positive using a LFD test:

- must not attend school and report the test [online](#).
- must then book a follow up PCR test through the [online booking portal](#).
- must notify the school of the result (Via [covid19@stjuliansschool.co.uk](mailto:covid19@stjuliansschool.co.uk))
- will be contacted by the local contact tracing team
- must follow the advice given by the local contact tracing team

## And finally ...

Please contact the school if you have any general queries. The school phone lines are open from 0800 to 1600 (1530 on Fridays) on **01633 224490** or email on **info@stjuliansschool.co.uk**. For more specific queries related to your child, you may contact your child's progress leader (email addresses are on the school website). Updates are also posted on our twitter account: @stjuliansschool

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Curtis', written in a cursive style.

Mr. D. Curtis

Headteacher/Pennaeth