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Dear Parents and Carers

Year 11 Virtual Parents Evening

Firstly, many thanks to the Year 11 parents and students that took part in first ever virtual parents evening using Microsoft Teams. After initial technical issues for some early appointments, I have received good feedback from staff and parents about the format and we will look to improve it further. The process has shown us that more people were able to obtain appointments than had been planned and that these kept to time. For me, the most important bit has been that together we have been able to discuss what our Year 11 students need to do to progress further over the coming months. It's worth noting that parents can always contact class teachers directly at any time to discuss student progress and we'll endeavour to respond as quickly as we are able.

Access to drinking water

As you are aware, in January last year we committed to stop using single use plastic bottles in school. These are no longer available for purchase in school. We do ask that all students bring in a suitable reusable water bottle with them that is labelled with their full name and tutor group. This means that students can access drinking water either directly from our taps or our filtered water stations. All the water in school is drawn from our mains water supply. Should a student not have a container with them and need a drink they just need to let an adult know and we will ensure they get access to water.

E -Scooters

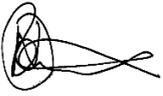
Please do not allow students to bring E-Scooters to school. This is the advice we have been given by our local Policing Team, supported by the attached information leaflet. In an environmentally friendly city like Bristol, I am sure this will be an area of legislation that we will want to keep reviewed but as it stands, they should not currently be used for travel to school.

Students during wet break

Finally, I wanted to update you on arrangements for wet breaks - it looks like we have at least a week of them ahead. This week I had the pleasure of being able to tell one of our Achievement Coordinators that the behaviour of her year group during the wet lunch break had been impeccable. I saw our students being kind, cooperative and conscientious, placing litter in bins and calmly enjoying lunch together in the sports hall. Each Year group has a dedicated indoor/ covered space:

Year 11 - the Atrium; Year 10 - our first floor, Year 9 – our sports hall; Year 8 – our drama, dance and community rooms and Year 7 - our canteen and covered Year 7 external area. Typically, we will ask students to remain seated during lunch and social distancing is encouraged, even with the bubbles. Face masks do not need to be worn if eating. Students tell me this is a much nicer experience of a wet lunch than the pre COVID days.

Best wishes



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