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Dear Parents and Carers,

Annexe completion

We have now completed the complete rebuilding of our annexe to give four excellent classroom spaces, the facility to use it as a space for assemblies + exams and additional external toilets - no mean feat during a pandemic. The facilities are now operational, and classes will start to be roomed there.

Update on bubbles

All year groups are now in separate bubbles with their own spaces for break and lunch and their own entry points to school. This further enhances our level of risk mitigation. As you'll already know breaks and lunches start and end at different times. Students have responded exceptionally well to the changes and have demonstrated a real collegiality about keeping themselves and their families safe.

Wet weather clothing / coats

As the weather looks to be turning more autumnal, a brief reminder that all students should have water proof coats or umbrellas as we will only be allowing students to access the building during heavy or persistent rain.

A message from Avon and Somerset Police

We have been asked to pass on the following message from Avon and Somerset Police. There is no indication that any FHS students were involved in the incident they mention, nor are we aware of any issues with our students traveling to or from school, but this is an opportunity to reinforce that the 'rule of six' is now law and that the police are, in certain circumstances, going to use 'enforcement options' for young people.

Information from Avon and Somerset Constabulary

Last Saturday evening (September 26th) police received reports of a large gathering of young people in the Millennium Square on Bristol's harborside. A group of up to 200 young people was reported and officers attending found large scale breaches of Covid legislation and had to call for support in order to disperse those present. Whilst the majority of the group complied with what was being asked of them, a minority resisted those efforts and one arrest was made.

It is clear that many young people are frustrated or confused by the contrast in acceptance of the larger 'bubbles' that are allowed in schools and social groups being restricted to 6 when in public places. From a policing perspective whilst officers will continue to engage, explain and encourage compliance, enforcement options will be used for persons who fail to comply with what is being asked of them and breaches of the 'rule of six' will be dealt with. This is consistent with national guidance and reflects the importance of compliance with the restrictions that are in place.

Regards



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