

12 September 2025

Dear Parents and Families

As we wrap up our second week of the term, we would like to share a few important updates for the weeks ahead.

Student Pick-up and Drop-off

As many of you are aware, we are experiencing high levels of traffic at the start and the end of each day. In order to ensure the health and safety of students, staff and parents during these times, we would like to remind all families of the following-

- **Drive slowly:** Please stick to the **5 mph speed limit** when entering and leaving the car park. Be extra mindful of students who may be crossing.
- **Use the right area:** The turning circle at the front of the school is for buses and taxis only. If you need to drop off or pick up your child on school grounds, please use the **top car park**.
- **Parking off-site:** If possible, please consider arranging pick-up and drop-off on Wells Road or other nearby streets. When you do this, please be considerate of our neighbours and avoid blocking driveways or parking illegally.
- **Yellow markings:** The yellow safety markings outside the school on Wells Road must be kept clear at all times to allow for safe entry and exit. Please do not park there.

Moving forwards we will continue to review the arrangements for parking and collection in order to support everyone to access and leave the site safely. In the meantime, we thank everyone in advance for their consideration and cooperation.

Google Account and IT Updates

We have been transitioning students to a new Google platform. This will improve our IT system and give students access to resources shared across our trust schools.

- Students will receive a new username and password for their accounts. Please remind them to keep this information somewhere safe so they can access their work both at school and at home.

- We are working closely with our Year 11 students to ensure all their important work and assignments are moved to the new platform seamlessly.
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Homework

We will begin formally assigning homework for all students starting the week of **September 22, 2025**. This is timed to coincide with our transition to the new Google system and updates to the Arbor App.

- **Early assignments:** Some subjects may assign homework before September 22. If so, teachers will inform students in class, and the work will be posted on Google Classroom.
- **Arbor App:** Moving forward, all homework will be set on the **Arbor App**. This will allow both parents and students to view assignments, as well as on-track points, detentions, and other important messages. We will send out more information soon about how to use this app.

If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to make contact. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,



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