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Dear Parent/Guardian

RE: Year 9 Welcome Day 2024

On **Thursday 4th July** Year 9 will be spending the day at Upper Site to support transition ahead of the move in September. It is hoped that this experience will allow Year 9 to familiarise themselves with the new site and gain a better understanding of what GCSE study might be like. Students will be given a temporary timetable for the day that will detail the rooms and, where necessary, the change of staff.

The timetable for the day is as follows:

08:30 – 08:40 Arrival - Students arrive at Upper School and make their way into the Assembly Hall. Students will be sat with their tutor group.

Direction for the Assembly Hall: Students should enter the St. Ninian's site through the Student Entrance located on Somerset Road. Staff and Sixth Form students will be on hand to help with directions to the Assembly Hall.

08:40 Assembly Hall – Students will have a talk from a member of the Senior Leadership Team and Head of Year 10, Miss Bryson.

09:05 Lessons – Students will have English and Science or a double Games lesson. English and Science will be taught in usual sets, however due to the complex arrangements for the day a few lessons may not be with the normal class teachers. In this instance subject specialists will replace them as far as possible.

10:45 Break as normal – Students will be escorted to the canteen and shown where they can top-up their canteen card. The canteen card system at Upper School is identical to that at Lower School, with top-up machines available if required. All Year 9 students must stay on site over break time.

11:05 Lessons – Those that had English and Science before break will have a double Games lesson and should remain in the canteen to be collected by the Games staff. Those who had Games will have English and Science and will be escorted from the canteen to the English corridor.

12:45 Lunch – Students can either bring a packed lunch to be eaten in the canteen or use their lunch cards. Students must stay on site over lunchtime.

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13:45 Tutorial Time – Students and Tutors will meet in the assembly hall so that groups can be escorted to their allocated room; please note that this may not be your tutor room in September. Tutor time will be used to focus on making the transition to GCSE study successful, answering any queries you may have and considering how the last few weeks of Year 9 can be used to prepare for GCSE courses.

Students will also be taken on a tour of the school, with particular emphasis on:

1. The area where they will catch buses at the end of the day
2. Toilets
3. Fire stations and exits
4. The Progress Zone

15:25 End of the day - Students will be escorted down to the bus stop where they can catch a school bus, be collected or walk if it is convenient.

Please note that students will be exiting via the Somerset Road gates.

We hope that you enjoy your time at Upper School and are able to allay any worries that you may have about the move in September. Should you have any queries ahead of time please do not hesitate to contact me using the details above.

Yours faithfully

Mrs A. Neill
Assistant Head Teacher

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