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Dear Parents

### Year 9 Parent Information

As the school year draws to a close, this will be my final communication for Year 9. It has indeed, been a very difficult few months and I think if anyone had told us that this would be happening last September we would have been hugely sceptical and very dismissive. Times have changed for all of us and I really wanted to end the term with a positive attitude, hence my final Year 9 assembly (available in the Year 9 work from home folder). I would also like to explain the changes that will be needed to keep your children safe in September, when they return to school.

From September until Christmas all students at HB will be registered in Year groups. This is to ensure that the social bubbles are self-contained. The new Year 10s will all register in Moscow – the Maths block. In effect their new tutor for this time will be the Year group tutor. All communication will be via them for initial concerns that you might have.

The Year group tutors and rooming is as follows:

**10 Athens – 10AMIL** Mrs Miles in **M1** [kim.miles@staff.beaufort.hants.sch.uk](mailto:kim.miles@staff.beaufort.hants.sch.uk)

**10 Berlin – 10BKIN** Miss Kinch in **M8** [emma.kinch@staff.beaufort.hants.sch.uk](mailto:emma.kinch@staff.beaufort.hants.sch.uk)

**10 Luxembourg – 10LDON** Mr Donaldson in **M3** [stephen.donaldson@staff.beaufort.hants.sch.uk](mailto:stephen.donaldson@staff.beaufort.hants.sch.uk)

**10 Moscow – 10MSMY** Mr Smyth (Mon, Tues and Fri) and Mrs Watson (Wed and Thurs) in **M7** [matthew.smyth@staff.beaufort.hants.sch.uk](mailto:matthew.smyth@staff.beaufort.hants.sch.uk) or [joanna.watson@staff.beaufort.hants.sch.uk](mailto:joanna.watson@staff.beaufort.hants.sch.uk)

**10 Prague – 10PHIC** Mrs Hickman in **M2** [rachel.hickman@staff.beaufort.hants.sch.uk](mailto:rachel.hickman@staff.beaufort.hants.sch.uk)

**10 Rome – 10RWEL (previously RCOL).** Miss Welch in **M6** [terri.welch@staff.beaufort.hants.sch.uk](mailto:terri.welch@staff.beaufort.hants.sch.uk)

**10 Warsaw – 10WWEB** Mr Webber in **M5** [stephen.webber@staff.beaufort.hants.sch.uk](mailto:stephen.webber@staff.beaufort.hants.sch.uk)

On the first day of school for Year 10 – **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September**, ALL students will arrive at school and need to go straight to Moscow block following the school one way system. Tutors will spend time going through all of the new changes and the usual start of year information such as issuing timetables and Handbooks etc. They will also make sure that students have all the information that they need about the new routines. I know social times at break and lunch time will be a concern so I will update you on that now.

There will be **no food available before school or at break time**. Students will need to bring food for this time. Break time can be spent on the LOWER part of the field or in the MOSCOW classrooms if it is wet. All Year 10s will have their lunchtime from 11.45am – 12.15pm; they will then have their tutor time from 12.15pm – 12.45pm. Year 10 will be able to purchase food from The Bistro and 'The Tardis' (the large blue box outside of Warsaw) from 12.05pm until 12.15pm only. The social areas

will also be the same as at break- the lower field or the Moscow classrooms if it is wet. This will be every day from September until Christmas.

One of the other concerns we have is around equipment and the fact that we as teachers are not going to be able to loan equipment out very easily. Equally students are not going to be able to 'borrow' pens or pencils etc. With this in mind, please can you ensure that your child has the basic equipment they will need. Typically this goes really well for the first few weeks and then it 'gets lost' or 'runs out'. I would be really grateful if you can check that they always have a pen and a pencil every Monday morning. The following is the basic equipment that each student needs. We will be unable to share glue sticks so that is a new addition. Scissors are not on this list and **SHOULD NOT** be brought into school.

**Equipment list: In a pencil case**

Black writing pens

Green pen

Pencils

Pencil sharpener

Coloured pencils (a small pack)

Rubber

Ruler

Protractor

Glue stick

Highlighter

Calculator

Reading Book – this is required for some tutor and English lessons.

I am sure that you will have lots of questions, some of which I hope I am able to answer and provide some reassurance. Although, please be mindful that for all of us this is a 'new normal' that none of us have any experience in. Miss Hearle and the SLT have worked tirelessly to try and anticipate every eventuality but in a dynamic environment with over a 1000 young people there will be things that crop up. Please be assured that we will deal with things efficiently but ever mindful of the welfare of your child and the other students in the school.

My assembly was going to be a Celebration Assembly and I would like to say a big thank you for the contributions that I have had from both parents and students. I have used some but plan to have an assembly in September to celebrate our return to school. The theme of my assembly is 'Hope', created as a reflection on what we might hope for in the coming months. I hope you and your child enjoy watching. I have also included in the Year 9 folder information on how to access our 'Summer Reads' initiative, please have a read and get involved.

I hope that you have a safe summer. I hope that you enjoy time with your families. I hope that life can return to some sort of normal and I hope that Year 10 are well rested and ready to face their GCSEs at the start of September.

With my very best wishes,

Mrs Briggs

Head of Year 9