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Dear families

Amidst the colder weather and darker evenings, I hope that you are well and healthy. As always, attached to this letter is the latest CNJ insert from Camden Council with a local coronavirus update.

### **Starts and finish times**

As of next Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> November, we will be returning to normal, non-staggered, start and finish times for years 7 to 11. This means that all students will have twice daily registration at 8:35 to 8:50am, and 3:05 to 3:10pm. This represents no change for years 7 and 11, who were already having daily registration. This has no implications for 6<sup>th</sup> form.

This means that **all students** must arrive at school by 8:30am, to be in registration by 8:35am. They will be dismissed at 3:10pm by their tutors.

We know that tutor contact and registration routines are an important way of maintaining good relationships and communication and supporting good attendance – both are key priorities especially for students hardest hit by COVID-19 and its effects. The guidance about start and finish times came from Camden and Transport for London to reduce bus congestion but in negotiation with Parliament Hill School and La Sainte Union School, we are still able to achieve a staged use of public transport.

It is important that students only use public transport if they have to. All students that can should walk or cycle to school – especially if they live within 1km of the school. This will stop buses being overcrowded, making them safer for students and members of the public.

### **Safety outside school**

As the evenings become darker, Camden Safer Schools Team and the Heath Constabulary are asking that students do not walk home across Hampstead Heath when it is dusk or dark, and if they are around the Heath they look out for their possessions and valuables, including mobile phones. I'd also like to remind students who travel by bicycle to school to always lock up their bike when it is unattended, including when they park it at school. We know that bike theft has increased in Camden in the second half of 2020.

### **Uniform**

Finally, I'd like to remind parents about the importance of students coming to school in proper uniform, and proper school PE kit on the days they have PE. After Christmas we will be returning to blazers as compulsory items for all students in years 7 to 11. Many school uniform items can be purchased from high street stores (although currently online) and a few come from our specialist provider. Please see [this guidance on our school website](#) for full uniform requirements.

### **Year 11 mock exams**

These will be taking place in the final week of term – a detailed timetable will be sent to Year 11 parents. With the continued public discussion about arrangements for exams next summer and given the amount of school that Year 11 students have missed, it is critical that students prepare for these by revising and studying either in the Year 11 study hub or school library, or at home. Many subjects are running weekly catch up classes for students.

Wishing you a safe and healthy weekend.

Yours faithfully

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