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Dear Students and Parents/Carers,

In my final letter to you of this academic year, I write to share information about September's opening. We have looked carefully at the government guidance to enable our young people to return, focusing on a broad and balanced curriculum, keeping students and staff as safe as possible.

Year groups will be kept as close together as possible. Years 7, 8 and 9 will be taught in a 'zone' of the school with lessons taking place in the same room. Teachers will move around from room to room. Years 10 and 11 will also have their own zones, but in certain areas they will need to be able to share specialist classrooms, and there will be some moving around to meet this need. Movement during social times will be carefully managed and start times/finish times will be staggered in order to minimise contact. We will share details with our young people when they arrive during the first week.

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September **only**, for each year group, the following start times apply

<b>Year 7:</b>	<b>8.40am</b>
<b>Year 8:</b>	<b>10.40am</b>
<b>Year 9:</b>	<b>10.45am</b>
<b>Year 10:</b>	<b>10.50am</b>
<b>Year 11:</b>	<b>10.55am</b>

Students need to go directly to the playground outside the hall upon arrival, where they will be met by their form tutor. Year 8-11 - please time your journey so that you arrive only a couple of minutes before you are required to start. If siblings travel together, we understand this may be difficult.

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September (and all days following this, until further notice)

Year 7: school day starts at **8.25am**, school day ends at **2.50pm**.

Year 8: school day starts at **8.30am**, school day ends at **2.55pm**.

Year 9: school day starts at **8.35am**, school day ends at **3.00pm**.

Year 10: school day starts at **8.30am**, school day ends at **2.55pm**.

Year 11: school day starts at **8.25am**, school day ends at **2.50pm**.

From Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September onwards, students should report directly to their form room in their zone.

Our lunch arrangements will be 'grab and go' and there will be no tuck shop open at break. Students may wish to bring in their own lunches; they will eat them either in their teaching base or outside.

The essential equipment you will need is below. It is a little longer than usual in order to prevent sharing of basic equipment. Every student will be issued with a mini whiteboard and pen on the first day, **which they should always have with them.**

### **Essential Equipment List**

#### **Provided by student:**

Black pen  
Red pen  
Scientific Calculator - Ideally either a Casio fx-83GTX (battery powered) or Casio fx-85GTX (dual powered – battery and solar)  
Pencil (sharpened)  
Pencil eraser (rubber)  
Ruler  
Glue Stick  
Scissors  
Protractor  
Compasses  
Yellow Highlighter  
Set of coloured pencils  
Personal hand sanitiser  
Ipad, tablet stylus and earphones if you have them

#### **Provided by school but must be brought to every lesson:**

Exercise Books  
Student Planner  
Mini-Whiteboard  
Dry wipe board pen

My final paragraph to you is a personal one. I would never have envisaged writing to you in such a context as the one we presently faced, to say farewell to you as the Principal of the school. But we are driven by events and my final words come in a letter, rather than to you as a year group. Although I have shared words with you in the final (virtual) assembly, I wish to repeat the sentiment here. It has been an honour, a privilege, and a most humbling experience working at this school and working with you. I thank you all for choosing the school, and wish all of you the very best in the future.

With all good wishes,



M J Barratt  
**Principal, The Priory School**