

25<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

With just over a month to go until the end of this term and academic year, I have a number of important dates and other information to share with you.

### End of Term

We are currently in the middle of assessments for all Year groups. Once these have finished and feedback has been provided, alongside opportunities for improvement, we are planning a few alternative activities, restrictions permitting. Where possible we will try to offer some school trips, a sports day and achievement assemblies. If trips can happen then your child will bring home a letter from the organising leader and this will include all the relevant details.

Due to various events for Year group bubbles, students will finish the academic year on different dates:

Year Group	Years 7, 8, 9 and 10	Year 12	International Group
Last day of term	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July

### Start of new term in September

We are anticipating that new Government guidance due to be issued in July will bring changes to a number of Covid-related systems and measures currently in place in the Academy. As a result of this, and any further changes that may be announced over the summer holidays, we are planning to hold a mini-induction session for each year group when they return in September so that we can share and embed these new routines within our community.

The schedule for the return of each year group is as follows:

Year Group	Start Date	Start & finish times
Year 7	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2021	These will be staggered times for the purposes of induction and will be communicated nearer the time.
Year 8	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	
Year 9	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	
Year 10	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	
Year 11	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	
Year 12	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2021	
Year 13	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2021	
International Group	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	

After the students return and restrictions permitting, we will resume a full school day and offer after school extra-curricular activities again. Full details of the activities will be published at the start of the autumn term. The timings of the school day will also be published before the start of term.

### Uniform

Our uniform supplier has informed us that there will be a price increase in uniforms, effective Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July. Please visit our uniform and equipment page under the Parents section of our website for information on how to order uniform. [Dates for summer holiday opening of the uniform shop will be added to the website when we receive this information.](#)

[Our uniform page](#) also gives details of our expectations for uniform and equipment. Please ensure your child is properly attired and has the correct equipment. The school tie will be different for each Year group and we are still awaiting samples to finalise choices.

### Absence

As you are aware, the rules regarding travel and quarantine upon return are subject to regular change. Please ensure that if you have plans to travel abroad that you allow time after your return for your child to quarantine, if necessary, so that their return to school on time is not affected. We will be unable to authorise any absence due to post-holiday quarantining at the start of the autumn term.



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## Edibles

There is concern locally about the use of so-called 'edibles' by a small number of young people, which has resulted in some requiring medical assistance. We are writing to share information with you about edibles and how to support children and young people who may have access to them.

### *What are edibles?*

Edibles are food products that may contain cannabis. There are many forms of edibles, including sweets, gummies and lollipops. They usually contain – or are marketed as containing - a number of chemicals, many of which are harmful and controlled under the Misuse of Drugs Act (1971) including tetrahydrocannabinol (THC). THC is the psychoactive compound in cannabis and can make people feel a range of effects, while cannabidiol (CBD) is the non- psychoactive chemical compound, which does not have the same effect. Any CBD product containing THC is illegal in the UK.

The sweet versions are widely available on the internet and via social media and may be easily accessed by young people. The packaging is often deliberately targeted to attract young people. There is NO quality control of these products.

### *What are we worried about?*

The amount of cannabis in these products can vary greatly and sometimes other harmful drugs are added too. The effects of consuming edibles are unpredictable and it can be very easy to accidentally take a larger dose. Edibles take between 1-3 hours to have an effect because food is absorbed into the bloodstream through the liver. Because it takes longer, the person taking them may end up consuming larger amounts of the drug while thinking the drug isn't working. As edibles may look like other products, there is also the risk someone may ingest them without realising they contain drugs - this could include other children in the home.

### *Displayed side effects may include:*

- Paranoia
- Panic attacks
- Nausea
- Impaired mobility
- Hyperactivity
- Elevated heart rate
- Hallucinations

### *What can you do?*

We recommend monitoring food packaging/ wrappers, looking for wording such as CBD or THC suggesting the items are cannabis oil infused.

**Please be mindful of the medical needs should a child present with symptoms, or if you suspect they have consumed a drug-laced substance. In a medical emergency, call 999.**

If you are made aware of any social media accounts advertising these items, we ask you report this information to the police, school or Crime Stoppers.

### **Local service:**

<https://www.catch-22.org.uk/services/wandsworth-young-peoples-health-agency>

yphealth.office@catch-22.org.uk

07770 573131

Catch 22 is a specialist service for young people aged up to 18. They offer free and confidential advice and support as well as training for professionals.

**Websites:**

The following website is a really helpful source of information for children, young people, and their parents and carers:

<https://www.talktofrank.com/drug/cannabis>

For friendly, confidential advice, Talk to FRANK on 0300 1236600.

With best wishes to you and your family for a good weekend.

Yours faithfully



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