



14 September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy start to term. We are busy reintroducing the systems and routines that have served us well in the past, and refining and improving them as we go along. Pupils have picked up the routines very well, and it is notable how well the pupils are interacting and supporting one another.

Coats

As you will appreciate from today's weather, we expect pupils to bring a light rainproof cagoule or coat with them every day to School. We walk across the split site every day for lunch, and often for PE and other sessions, so a clearly named coat really is important.

Speech Day - Friday 17 September

JD pupils need to bring a packed lunch on Friday for Speech Day. We will all be eating at JD, and if the weather is fine, we may make this a picnic. Pupils will then walk with the full School to the Cathedral. Choristers attending the after-School session will be able to drop off their bags at number 28 before we go into the Cathedral. All other pupils will walk back to School after Speech Day, and should be ready for collection back at JD at the usual time. Prize winners will also walk to the Cathedral in the morning for a rehearsal; this will not impact on swimming for JD1.

Peripatetic Music Lessons have been delayed by late return of forms. We should be able to have peri music lessons starting from Monday 20 September. Mr Jenkins and Dr Ratcliffe are also hoping to start Junior Orchestra next week.

Healthy School Status

Please remember that as a Healthy School we don't allow pupils to bring squash/juice with their packed lunches. Water is the only drink permitted at School for JD pupils. In the Dining Hall, jugs of water are available and JD pupils can refill as many times as they wish during dinner.

Swipecards

Any pupil who doesn't have their swipecard and lanyard should let a member of staff know as soon as they arrive at School. If a card is lost, we will switch off its ability to function until it is found again. If the card is merely left at home, we will organise for a temporary card to allow the purchase of lunch.

House Music Competition - date to be finalised

The House Music Competition is a very large event in King's School life. It is run entirely by the Sixth Formers and House Captains. Please prepare your child so that if the opportunity to take part is offered by their House Captains, they know whether they can volunteer or not. Please note that in some years, the limit on numbers means that not all volunteers will automatically get to take part. We expect this to be an evening event, timed to allow choristers to take part as well.

Yours faithfully,

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Head of Junior Department