



# Wimbledon College

## Head Master's Half Term Letter to Parents

Friday 4 June 2021

Dear Parents

As I write I am conscious that there is growing concern over the current increase in Covid 19 cases. While we are gradually returning to a more normal routine it is still important that we all continue to maintain the preventative measures to reduce the risk of transmission of Covid 19. In school we are maintaining our bubbles and asking all pupils and staff to keep social distance wherever possible and to continue to wash hands/use sanitiser on a regular basis.

I have sent out a separate message regarding the ongoing testing at home for all pupils. Please support the school in this by ensuring that your son[s] are tested twice a week and that their results are recorded on the school's recording system. We have a supply of test kits at school and are distributing them regularly to all pupils. If your son has not received a kit please contact his PSA.

Over the course of this half term we are hoping to see the return of some regular school events however these will be impacted by current regulations. On Friday 11 we celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart, our College Feast Day. While we will not be able to have Mass in the Sacred Heart Church as a school we are planning Year Group liturgies and as usual we will mark the Feast Day with an early finish.

### Report Card

Pupils in Years 7 -10 and 12 received [electronically] their report cards before the half term break.

As you know the grades are colour coded so that you can see an overall impression of your son's achievement and progress in each subject. By this point in the year you would usually be seeing a shift from red through amber to green as you look across the report however this may not be the case this year. If you, or your son, are concerned about his progress compared to his target grade please do not hesitate to speak to your son's Head of Line.

### Second hand uniform sale

The Friends of Wimbledon College are planning to hold a second hand uniform sale for our new Year 7 pupils starting in September and would be grateful for any donations.

If you have any items of uniform that you are willing to donate please ensure that they are washed and securely bagged before dropping them off at reception. All items need to be received by Friday 18 June.

## Parents dropping off and collecting pupils by car

I would like to remind all parents who drop off their son at school or collect them from school of the importance of parking safely. As I am sure you are aware Edge Hill is extremely busy at these times and there have been a number of incidents recently where accidents have been narrowly avoided.

It is also important that you are mindful of our neighbours and that you do not stop/park either in or across private entrances, driveways or roads.

If at all possible please try to drop off/collect your son a short distance away from the school to avoid congestion.

## Rugby 2021/22 season

Mr Hallett is looking forward to the return of school rugby in September and has asked me to inform you that he is planning pre-season training for all year groups in the last week of the summer holidays. This is, of course, dependent on clearance from the Government and the RFU. Please do pencil the training into your calendars and we will confirm dates as soon as we are able to.

An important tradition at the College is that our parents support our home fixtures by volunteering to prepare and supervise match teas. Mr Hallett is asking for parents of our current Year 7 pupils who wish to volunteer for this to contact him, so that a rota of volunteers can be drawn up. If there are parents of pupils in other year groups who would also be willing to join the parent volunteers I would ask that you also contact Mr Hallett.

Finally a reminder that Wimbledon College games kit is available from the Serious Stuff website [<https://serious-stuff.com/product-category/schools/wimbledon-college/>]. The password is WIMCOL. A lot of boys will require new kit come summer term however it can take some time for delivery especially with the new year 7s joining next September. Please remember to order early.

## EU Settlement Scheme

We have been asked to share the following information regarding the EU Settlement Scheme and the **deadline for applications which is 30 June 2021**. It has been sent out by the London Borough of Merton and relates specifically to Merton residents however I am sure that there is similar support available through other local councils.

The Polish Family Association is supporting all Polish families.

**Information for Merton residents seeking advice on the EU settlement scheme.** If schools are aware of families who are EU nationals, and who are seeking advice regarding the scheme the information below and attached leaflet [*Please note that the leaflet accompanies my letter*] could be helpful.

EU nationals need to act now to secure their rights in the UK:

*'If you lived in the UK before 31 December 2020 and you or someone in your family is an EU citizen, you must apply to the [EU Settlement Scheme](#) before 30 June 2021. Applications must be made even if you:*

- were born in the UK but are not a British citizen
- have a permanent residence document
- are an EU, EEA, or Swiss citizen with a British citizen family member
- you're not an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen, but a family member is

You don't need to apply if you have:

- indefinite leave to remain in the UK
- British or Irish citizenship.

Eligible parents need to apply to the scheme themselves and check if they need to do so on behalf of their children. Eligible children need an application in their own right and no child is covered by a parent's application to the scheme. Further information is provided in this [leaflet](#) and [FAQs](#).

**Citizens Advice Merton and Lambeth** is supporting Merton residents with EUSS applications. Please see attached flyer and referral form (with individual's permission you can complete and email on their behalf). Citizens Advice Merton and Lambeth will then contact client directly with support.

**Polish Family Association** is offering ID scanning services and general advice on the EU Settlement Scheme to Polish and Eastern European residents. An appointment can be booked by calling them on 07917 401 064, or emailing [info@polishfamily.org.uk](mailto:info@polishfamily.org.uk).

## Your Merton

Merton Council has launched a campaign to gather views from those who live and work in Merton called 'Your Merton'. The Council would like to hear your views on things like local places and venues, your day to day life in the borough and how the pandemic has changed your lifestyle. Your views can help shape your future ambitions for where you live and work to make Merton an even better place.

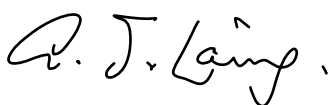
You are able to access the campaign and links to the survey at [merton.gov.uk/YourMerton](https://merton.gov.uk/YourMerton)

If you are able to please do take some time to share your views.

Finally may I remind you that all pupils are not expected in school on Monday 7 June 2021 and that learning will take place remotely. Work is being set by teachers for all lessons via Google Classroom.

Pupils are to return to school on Tuesday 8 June.

God bless.



Adrian Laing

Head Master