



## QUESTIONS THAT STUDENTS HAVE ABOUT STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2020

(This information is subject to Government direction due to the pandemic - COVID-19)

- **When does school start?** Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020, at 8.30am for Induction Day, then at 8.45am from Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September, although you should try to arrive around 8.30am each day, dressed smartly in your school uniform. The school day finishes at 3.35pm.
- **School uniform** - please read the School Uniform and Appearance guidance in the Transition Advice booklet carefully for full details of what you can and can't wear, haircuts, jewellery etc. Your coloured year stripe should be sewn onto your blazer, across the top of the pocket, above the school badge. Shirts **MUST** be tucked in and you **MUST** wear your blazer at all times. Please note your tie and year stripe will be given to you on your first day in September.
- **I am coming by car – where shall my parents park?** The traffic is really busy in the area, both in the morning and at the end of school, and the Cripps Hall car park is for staff and Sixth Form only and should not be used by parents. We recommend that your parents drop you off and pick you up after school somewhere locally (observing the road traffic regulations), within a short walk from the school. It would be a good idea to practise this during the summer holidays.
- **Where do I go when I get to school?** Leave your parents and come in through the normal school entrances (follow all the other boys). There will be staff waiting to welcome you and direct you to the theatre.
- **What do I do about lunch?** You can bring a packed lunch or buy food from the canteen. Your parents will be sent login details for the Cashless Catering system just before the start of term. You will not be able to pay by cash or use the machines to put cash on your account due to the current restrictions.
- **Will I need my PE kit?** Yes, you will need your kit on Induction Day on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, and then on any days that your timetable says you have PE.
- **What about school books?** During the first week or two your teachers will give you your exercise books and also some text books. You will need to bring the right books for your lessons each day. You should bring a school bag to carry these and your other equipment in.
- **Can I bring my mobile phone?** We recommend that you don't bring these into school unless absolutely necessary. If you do have to phone home you can do it from Student Services. If you do bring in a mobile phone it is at your own risk and it must not be seen in school because Year 7 are not permitted use of mobile phones on school grounds.
- **What happens if I get lost finding my way round the school?** Don't worry – there are plenty of students and staff to help you – just ask!
- **What happens after the first day?** It will be normal lessons from now on, so check your timetable every evening with your parents and put everything you need for the next day in your bag ready before you go to bed.

**Please also bring headphones for the Induction Day on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.**