

The Fulham Boys School 532 Fulham Road London SW6 5BD

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## Friday 26th February 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you are well and have had a good half term break as possible. I am sure you have seen the news and I am pleased to say all boys can return to school on Monday 8th March. I am also really excited to say that they will be coming to our brand new permanent site on the Fulham Road. Whilst this is good news, obviously returning to school after a lockdown and starting a new site has required careful planning, so please read the rest of this bulletin very carefully as it contains important information.

All details regarding the return to school on the 8th are included in our up to date Risk Plan.

Please ensure that you read this document carefully, but I wish to draw your attention to some important headlines.

Mass testing will be carried out on Thursday 4th March and Friday 5th March and different year groups will come in at different times to be tested. Please read the plan for the days to see when your son needs to come in <a href="here">here</a>. He will need to be in full, immaculate uniform. We are doing this on Thursday and Friday to minimize disruption to schooling and so that we can start back to school on Monday 8th March and induct the boys to the new site.

**Monday 8th March** will be a staggered start with different year groups coming at different times. Please see the timings <u>here</u>. As well as all boys needing to be tested before they return to school, they will need to be tested twice over over the next few weeks after they start school. Again, please read the plan to understand the details.

**Face coverings** will need to be worn by pupils at all times, including during lessons. This is with the expectation of PE lessons and when eating lunch. This will be reviewed at Easter. As per my email before Christmas, FBS face coverings are now part of the uniform and all pupils are required to wear one. These are to be purchased via Parent Pay for £3 by Friday 5th March and will be given to boys on the 8th when they return to school.

**Standards** will be reinforced as soon as boys return to school. Before lockdown, we felt that the behaviour of some year groups was not up to standard in terms of their attitude, attendance, uniform and appearance. Please can you reinforce at home the school's high standards as we will be coming down quite hard on the boys when they return. Thank you for your support in this.

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Please see below for dates for your diary and information for the coming week.

## **Diary Dates**

Monday 1st March

Year 10 Parent Consultation

Monday 8th March

All pupils to return to school

Wednesday 24th March Year 12 and Year 13 Parent Consultation

## **Upcoming Events**

## School termly prayer meeting - Wednesday 3rd March, 5:15 to 6pm on Zoom

Parents, governors and staff are welcome to join us for this online prayer meeting, hosted by the school chaplain, where we will pray for the various needs of the school community. Please email the chaplain, Sam Brown (s.brown@fulhamboysschool.org.uk), for the Zoom link.

# **Information for Parents**

## **Term Dates for 2021/2022**

Our Term Dates for 2021/2022 can be found <a href="here">here</a>.

## Sports afternoons/mornings

All sports afternoons/mornings will take place at Hurlingham Park (SW6 3RH) starting from Monday 8th March. All boys will walk, accompanied by staff, to Hurlingham Park. The sessions will run from 2-4pm Monday to Thursday and 9-11am on a Friday. All boys should come with full kit, boots, water bottle and shin pads.

#### Ventilation

The school is designed with ventilation systems built into all classrooms, offices and communal areas of the building. In classroom spaces, carbon dioxide monitors determine levels in the room and adjust air flow accordingly. Air is brought in from outside, filtered to remove pollutants and pumped into rooms with each room having air extraction to expel stale air to the street. Classrooms also have in room controls to boost airflow. In office spaces, airflow is controlled and set by the office user according to need and use of the space. Large communal spaces such as the sports hall, fitness suite and drama studio are centrally controlled via the building management system. In addition, the school has skylight windows in the corridors which can be opened to enhance ventilation.

### FBS Fitness - Live from the Fitness Suite!

FBS Fitness continues this week! Every Thursday at 6pm, members of the P.E department will be leading a LIVE HIIT (High Intensity Interval Training) session on zoom. ALL parents, boys and staff are welcome. All you will need is a small space (big enough to do a press up/burpee) and a bottle of water. Please ensure all are dressed appropriately and FBS kit is definitely welcomed! Please contact Mr Missen if you require the Zoom details (j.missen@fulhamboysschool.org.uk).



Please keep an eye on their twitter account <u>@FBS\_Sport</u> for details and promo for the sessions. Any questions, please contact Mr Missen.

### **Art Competition**

The Art Department would like you to design your own household collaborative piece that will be combined to make a family blanket.

What can you make? Create a series of A4 pieces (minimum 4) that represent you and your household (each A4 will be a different section on the blanket). Ideas include creating artworks/drawings/paintings of:

- A family or self portrait
- A memory together
- Favourite meal/quote/animals
- A collaborative pattern or print

They can be completed in any medium, and in any style. We want you to all show your unique artistic styles!

Who can be involved? Anyone in your household or support bubble. It can be a student completing one by himself, or get the whole family involved in the creating and designing.

How can I enter? Submit photos of your artworks to the FBS Art competition Google Classroom (code jyvl2c6). Please keep your submissions safe as we will need the original copies for the winning piece!

### Prizes:

1st Place - have your family blanket made (worth over £60)

2nd Place - Art supplies (value of £25)

3rd Place - Art supplies (value of £10)

### **Inspire Fulham**

We are finally home in our permanent site and these are exciting times. One of FBS's commitment has always been to facilitate the sharing of our building with the local community. I am pleased to announce after a rigorous and competitive process Inspire Fulham have been tasked with maximising the external hire of our fantastic building during evenings, weekends and holidays. See more at <a href="https://inspirefulham.co.uk/have-your-say/">https://inspirefulham.co.uk/have-your-say/</a>

### Looking for extra Maths/Science support?

Get your child 1:1 help in minutes with the Colet app. Students simply take a photo of their question to learn from older students at our partner schools who've got top grades in their exams. No scheduling required. Support is available every Monday - Thursday (+ Sunday) between 4:30-6:30pm. Sign up your child by submitting the parental consent form here.

### Wellbeing support for children

Please see here for links to various organisations to help with supporting your children's wellbeing.



#### Friends of FBS

If you are wondering why you are not receiving emails from Friends of FBS, please check your spam folder for <a href="mailto:friends@fulhamboysschool.org.uk">friends@fulhamboysschool.org.uk</a> and add the email to your contacts. If not in your spam folder, please email Friends directly to be added to the mailing list.

## **Updated contact information**

If you have changed any of your contact information - home address, mobile numbers and email addresses, please contact <a href="mailto:s.barton@fulhamboysschool.org.uk">s.barton@fulhamboysschool.org.uk</a> so we can keep our records up to date.

## **Internet Dongle Request**

The Fulham Boys School is able to make requests to the Department for Education for WiFi dongles that can be used by students at home. If you do not have working internet access for your son at home and would like the school to make a request for a WiFi dongle on your behalf please complete the attached Google Form.

## School nurse drop in

Our School Nurse is offering drop ins to parents over the phone for any health related concerns or queries that you might have. Please see <a href="here">here</a> for more information.

### Support Fund

As a school community, we've all been affected in some way by the Covid-19 pandemic but we're aware that some of our families are now facing significant pressures from the continuing crisis. We want to help where we can, and we are pleased to announce that we now have a fund available to help with financial assistance. If you would like to apply for an award from the support fund please email Miss Fryer at <u>e.fryer@fulhamboysschool.org.uk</u>. All applications for an award will be treated in complete confidence. And on behalf of all of us, heartfelt thanks to the kind donors who have made this possible as we currently have £5,000 in the fund. If there are others who would like to donate to this fund, please get in touch with me at <u>a.ebenezer@fulhamboysschool.org.uk</u>. I really want to emphasise that anyone can apply for support, not just those on Free School Meals.

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### **Useful Links**

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**FBS Foundation** 

Ways you can support FBS

**FBS Digital Magazine** 

Easyfundraising - Online shopping portal - earn commission for the school at no extra cost to you.

