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COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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Dear Students, Parents and Carers

I am writing to share some updates from Faringdon Community College for the start of Term 2. We are reverting to a **single lunchtime for all year groups from 1.30-2.10**. Year 7 will continue to use the Small Hall, and the Wilson Building café will be re-opened for some year groups. Having all teachers now at lunch at the same time will enable more clubs and events to take place, while also supporting the wellbeing of staff who can now get together and collaborate. We have worked with the catering team on a new layout for the Main Hall for break and lunchtime. The timings will need to adapt during exam seasons, and we will inform students in advance. We will review the impact of this change over time.

School bells will be introduced to cover the start and end of lessons as well as a 5-minute alert before the start of school and towards the end of break and lunchtime. This will support students' punctuality and make the most of each lesson.

We are launching **'Ready, Respectful, Safe'** and **'Right thing, Right time, Right place'** as our clear and straightforward approach to supporting good behaviour and our high expectations within our school community. 'Ready, Respectful, Safe' is a successful model used in schools across the country, and many students will be familiar with it from their primary school. We are using FCC's primary liaison leads to help create continuity and consistency for children as they move through Faringdon schools.

We continue to emphasise our **inclusive school values and anti-bullying focus** through assemblies and shared communications around the school. This includes the clear message that ableism & disablism, homophobia & transphobia, misogyny, racism and sexual harassment have no place in our community. Our approach encourages everyone to share any concerns and help nurture our culture where everyone knows that they belong at FCC.

In the last week we have repaired two sets of **student toilets** which unfortunately had to be closed as a result of vandalism. These are now reopened. We are designating some toilets around the school to particular groups of students with the aim of making sure that student facilities are respected and accessible for all.

Your children may have shared their concerns around a very small proportion of students who choose to attend school but miss some lessons. We have high aspirations and expectations for everyone. There is a great deal of work going on to address the issues with students, parents, the Cambrian Learning Trust and the Local Authority. We want every student to achieve at FCC, and during learning walks we consistently see excellent work from students in **positive learning environments**.

We hope that this letter shares our determination as a school to build on the many strengths and successes of FCC, so that every member of our school community thrives in our shared culture of **'belong, believe, aspire, achieve'**.

Yours sincerely
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