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Dear Parents / Guardians and Students,

To begin, please allow us to once again welcome you all back to Abbey Community College. We look forward to the new academic year. We wish to inform you about the arrangements for the beginning of the year as well as some housekeeping issues that will need your attention.

Listed below are details of the **Return to School Programme** for all students.

Students will be met by staff and student mentors upon their arrival to school and brought to their designated rooms.

As always, Abbey Community College will continue to adhere to all public health advice regarding Covid-19.

Please note that all students must wear a mask at all times when inside the school building, as per guidelines.

During each year group *Induction*, students will meet with staff and their Year Head. Books will be distributed to those participating in the book rental scheme. Lockers will be assigned to students this year, in line with public health advice. Safe usage of lockers will be explained to students. The timetable will also be presented and explained.

What do I need to bring each day of the Induction Programme?	
School bag	Pencil Case including pens
Please ensure all belongings and uniform items are clearly marked with the student's name	

Text Messaging and Correspondence

In an effort to continue communication with home, we will be using text messages to parents throughout the year. Please notify the school immediately if your mobile phone number changes.

Student Record Book

All students will be issued with a Student Record Book (SRB). Students and parents are expected to read the Student Record Book carefully and sign in the appropriate places. The senior management team, year head and staff members will inspect this book regularly.

Contact Numbers and Addresses

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School Calendar

The school calendar for the academic year August 2021 to June 2022 is on our website www.abbeycommunitycollege.com and will be updated regularly. Please use the school calendar for reference.

School Timetable / School Day

Please note the times of the school day in the table below.

Classes will start for all year groups at 8.45 am. Students should be in school by 8.35 am (at the latest) to ensure that they are prepared for their classes.

*Please note the finishing time of the school day on Friday

Day	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday	Friday
Start Time	8.45 am	8.45 am
Finish Time	3.40 pm	* 1.00 pm

Dropping to / Collecting from school

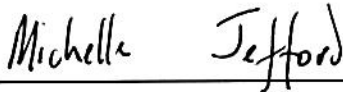
Cars dropping students or collecting them from school are **not allowed past the turning circle area just inside the school entrance**. Please note the sign posts. This decision is made in the interests of safety and due to the growing number of students in the school. Parking is not allowed in the staff car park, on grass areas or on kerbs.

VShare

In an effort to enable greater parental involvement in our students' time in Abbey Community College, we are providing parents with access to our Management Information System, VShare. Parents/Guardians will be asked to download the VShare App onto their mobile device. Using this VShare App, parents can check class by class attendance, positive and negative behaviour reports as well as their child's timetable and term reports. Absence notes and requests to leave school can also be submitted through the VShare App.

More information and log-in details re. the VShare App will follow next week.

Yours sincerely,



Michelle Jefford
Principal



Return to School

Timetable for Students 2021 – 2022

Details of class groupings and venues for induction will be available from staff upon your arrival to school.

Friday 27 th August, 2021	
Transition Year	Induction 11.00 am – 1.00 pm (Full School Uniform)

Tuesday 31 st August, 2021	
1 st Year	Induction (Day 1) 08.45 am – 1.00 pm (Full School Uniform)
5 th Year	Induction 11.00 am – 1.00 pm (Full School Uniform)

Wednesday 1 st September, 2021	
1 st Year	Induction (Day 2) 08.45 am – 1.00 pm (Full School PE Uniform)
2 nd Year	Induction 11.00 am – 1.00 pm (Full School Uniform)

Thursday 2 nd September, 2021	
1 st Year	Induction (Day 3) 08.45 am – 1.00 pm (Full School PE Uniform)
New Students to 2 nd , 3 rd , 5 th Year	Induction 10.00 am – 11.00 am (Full School Uniform)
3 rd Year	Induction 11.00 am – 12.00 pm (Full School Uniform)
6 th Year	Induction 12.00 am – 1.00 pm (Full School Uniform)

Friday 3 rd September, 2021	
All Year Groups	Full School Day 08.45 am – 1.00 pm (students must have textbooks and equipment for commencement of classes)

