



St. Edmund's Girls' School



Wyvern College

### **Mrs Bull Assembly: 17.7.18**

#### **Re: Tutor time collaboration questions: The Wyvern St Edmund's Learning Campus**

- **Is Wyvern still a 'boys' school?** Yes the schools are both separate and are not merging, we are simply collaborating which means to have a close relationship and association. We will be working together.
- **Are we going to be staying yellow week and blue week or will it become first week and second week like the boys?** The schools will use Week 1 and Week 2.
- **Will there be boys and girls toilets or unisex and where will they be?** There will not be unisex toilets, at Wyvern there are single toilets which will be for the girls to use. At St Edmund's there will be a block of toilets on the middle floor of the original building which are going to be allocated to the boys.
- **Will we have to share P.E changing rooms?** Absolutely not.
- **Will we be having P.E. using their facilities?** Yes the collaboration means that we can all use the space within the campus, the location of a lesson will be dependent on the sport taking place. Boys will, in the future have a chance to use the gymnastics and dance spaces. There will be mixed enrichment, with the only difference being four invite-only squads/teams. This will change when boys have the opportunity to show their skills in the general enrichments and invites to join squads/teams are extended. There will also be three sport enrichments being offered to boys and girls but delivered in single sex groups: Football, Rugby and Fencing.
- **Will our P.E. uniform change?** No, there are no plans for this to change, neither to the school uniform at the moment.
- **Will there be female teachers for Boys PE?** Yes male and female teachers will be teaching across both schools.
- **Will we all be able to go anywhere in both buildings?** Yes, all buildings will be shared from September. English, RS, Geography and Languages will be located in the St Edmund's building with Maths and History housed at Wyvern. Science remains in its current accommodation. Technology, Art and Drama will be spread across campus because of the specific facilities in those rooms. Dance, PE and PHSE will also remain where they currently are.

- **Will our isolation space be called something different? E.g. in Wyvern it is called the Compass Centre.** Yes there will now be a specific area for isolation, within the Compass Centre in the Wyvern building (near Science) and it will be named 'The Isolation room'. Pastoral and Student Support will all be housed together central to both schools.
- **What are the rules for the Isolation room?** I have recently written to your Parents and Carers regarding a new Behaviour Policy which will be available on the school website by the end of term. We believe that every child has a right to sit in a lesson disruption free and therefore if a student disrupts learning the teacher will send the student to the isolation room (after being warned). The student will then spend the equivalent of a full working day in isolation. This means four full lessons after arrival. Break and lunch time are the usual duration but will occur in the isolation room in silence. Students who purchase food from the Dining Hall will have the opportunity to collect food under supervision.
- **Will the room numbers at Wyvern be different?** All room numbers across the site will remain the same.
- **Are we going to have extra time to go between lessons?** No, it will not be any different from travelling, for example, from the top floor of the Magill Building at St Edmund's over to the Science block in Wyvern. Or from the current English room at Wyvern to the Sports Hall.
- **If we are late to lessons from getting lost will we get into trouble?** This won't happen, after your tours today you will see that the buildings are straightforward, there will be staff on hand to make sure you find your way. If you are late and the rest of your class is in and learning, you will certainly be asked why you are late.
- **What are the lunchtime rules?**  
At lunchtime all classes are out of bounds but over the summer redevelopment is taking place and there will be additional space behind the dining hall at St Edmund's (by the table tennis tables), a canopy is being put in place which will be weather proof. With the mixed facilities you will have lots of room all over the campus that means you will not need to be in your tutor rooms/classes.
- **Will we be able to do drama performances together/ will the school production be mixed next year? And what about Sports Day?** Yes it is the intention to start mixing these events, we will start with the Sponsored Walk on the 14<sup>th</sup> September, which is a fun day for everyone involved and raises money for our charities. A mixed Ski Trip has been offered which has had lots of interest. Sports Day and School Productions will be considered, but mixing is likely.
- **Which subjects exactly will be mixed?** The draft plans are as follows:  
Year 7 - Music and Drama.  
Year 9 - English and RE. English Language and RE are the two subjects that all students will sit as early entry GCSEs at the end of Year 10.  
Year 10 and 11 - collaboration subjects as in past years, with the addition of some mixed Maths and Science classes.

- **Will the boys houses change to our houses or will they be different?** Mr Hunt is going to be holding Student Voice to get your opinions for the following academic year 2019/2020 and working with you as students to formulate a plan.
- **Will the Head of Years be the same?** St Edmund's students are used to having Heads of Year, whereas Wyvern students have had Heads of Key Stage. This has now been agreed and I can confirm that:  
Miss Kantolinna will be the Head of Year 7 across both schools.  
Mrs Webb and Mrs Roycroft will be Head and Assistant Head of Year 8 girls.  
Mrs Bellamy will be Head of Year 8 boys.  
Mr Newell (girls) and Mr Elliott (boys) will be working together across Year 9.  
Mrs Hayakawa will be Head of Year 10 girls and Mr Martin will be working with the Year 10 boys.  
Ms Chapple and Mr Hunt will be working together as Heads of Year 11.
- **Will the Senior Leadership team be the same?** You are lucky to have three Deputy Heads: Mr Jeffries in charge of Progress and data, Mrs Smith for Teaching and Learning and Mr Burley leading on Welfare including safeguarding. The Assistant Heads are: Mr Adams, Mrs Bellamy, Mr Hunt and Mr Martin. The offices for the Senior Leadership Team are being finalised and you will be advised where to find everyone when you return after the holidays.
- **Will the canteens have the same food and the same prices?** Both canteens will offer what they do at the moment (so St Edmund's sit down meals and Wyvern more take-away food) you can choose which canteen you want to eat from. Prices have been aligned.
- **Are we allowed phones?** No. The rules regarding mobile phones are- they need to be switched off and at the bottom of your bag. If you are caught with your phone at any point during the school day it will be removed and you can have it back at the end of the day. There has been lots of research into this, it is a big distraction to have your phone.
- **How will setting work for next year?** The amount of subjects which are set will increase as you move up through the school but this is usual and always works in this way.
- **Will the number of lessons we have for each subject over the fortnight change?** The boys will have slightly less Maths and English (in line with St Edmund's) and that means they will be able to enjoy more Drama, Music, Computer Science and possibly Languages.
- **Will lockers change?** We are aiming for all students to have lockers in September, Wyvern students have not always been guaranteed a locker and we would like this to change.

**It is important to say that how things are from September are not how things will be forever more, if you have any further questions please do let your tutors know, they can refer them to me or you can talk to me personally.**