



County Upper School

Headteacher: Ms S Kennedy

19th July 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

At the meeting on 22nd June, we said we would keep you informed of developments with regard to transport and uniform.

We have been working very closely with the Local Authority to review transport to the two sites. We are pleased that the Local Authority has been very supportive and appreciative of the issues raised by you as parents and carers with regard to transport. The Transport team of the LA have written to us confirming that any student who is entitled to free transport to the new lower school site will retain this when moving to the upper school site. The Transport team have also changed the definition of the 3-mile radius to include areas not previously entitled to free transport from Year 9 as they will use the Oliver Road address of the school (what we currently call the Westley site) as the 2023 cohorts progress through to the Beetons Way site in 2025.

Unity Schools Partnership has undertaken to enable students who currently attend Horringer Court to extend their bus journey to the lower school - Oliver Road site at no additional cost.

We are continuing to review transport and will keep you updated as we know more.

In response to uniform we have listened to your points about unplanned additional costs and can understand your concerns. We have noted the new government guidelines around uniform and will be proposing that the number of branded items is kept to an absolute minimum ensuring that most items can be purchased from local supermarkets, clothes shops and retailers.

We are thrilled to announce the new name for the secondary school has been chosen by you. Thank you for your high engagement and responses. We received many fascinating choices but by far the most popular new name is **BSE County High School** and we will probably be known as County High, on a day to day basis. We expect early next term to consult you about a refreshed school uniform. We have agreed that for September 2023 that, if there are significant branded items in this uniform, it will be provided free to all

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students who will then be in years 7-11 for the first time this new uniform has to be purchased by parents.

We will be keen that you contribute your views early next term when we look to decide on the uniform for our new school. Please do also make an appointment with us if you have any questions about uniform or transport and any other aspect of the school organisational review.

We are delighted to confirm that we have now completed the teacher recruitment process from internal middle school applicants and have appointed on forward contracts a team of sixteen staff covering the whole curriculum to ensure a smooth transition to September 2023.

We would both like to take this opportunity to wish you a very happy summer break.

Yours faithfully



Sally Kennedy



Ben Jeffery