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## Welcome back!

Welcome back to Year 2! I hope you all had a good summer break and are now looking forward to returning to college.

Your Year 2 will start with a one to one meeting with your new Year 2 teachers. These meetings will take place on **Tuesday 6 and Wednesday 7 September** and will be held **onsite and face to face**. You will need to book these meetings via *My Varndean* where you will see a link for **Year 2 Target Setting meetings**. You will also note that the room where your meeting takes place will be highlighted. It is compulsory to attend these so if you are ill or absent on those days then you must report your absence in the usual way at <https://varndean.ac.uk/absence>

These Year 2 Target Setting meetings are important and are designed to support you to reflect on your progress over Year 1 and agree with your subject teacher your key targets for Year 2. Before your meeting you must ensure that you complete the **“course comment”** section accessed through *My Varndean*. The course comment is an opportunity for you to reflect on Year 1 and highlight areas that you feel went well and those that perhaps need some development. It is really important to put some thought into this as it will form the basis of your discussions. By the end of the meeting you and your teacher will have agreed on some targets.

Your Year 2 timetable will be available on *My Varndean* after you have completed your progression meeting and full face to face lessons will start on **Monday 12 September**. Please ensure that you have completed your ‘Moving On’ work for each of your subjects in time to submit on or before your first lesson.

You may notice that we have been busy over the Summer making improvements around the college site. We have created additional study spaces and upgraded our cafe. Our IT room has expanded and moved to room 27 which is next to the cafe. It's a larger space allowing us to provide you with additional computers. If you require any support from our IT team you will find them there ready to help. Our library has also expanded and now takes up all of the loft area.

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Our careers team have moved into their own space and are in the progression study area which used to be 14.3. There are spaces in here for you to study, bring your own device or use the computer stations. Our additional support and well being spaces have also expanded. Well-being has moved next door to 14.1 with additional support staying where it was but increasing in size so that you can use this as a study space.

If you are studying A levels or a Level 3 vocational course then you will find that planned study will appear on your timetable within 3 lessons. This is to set you up with the best opportunity to embed the study habits to do brilliantly this year. Further information about planned study can be found below and we will also introduce in more details during the first few weeks of tutor.

[Planned Study - Student Guidance.](#)

I do hope you all settle back into college well and I look forward to seeing you all.

Regards



**James Gordon**  
**Deputy Principal**

