



October 2021

Headteacher: Mr H Kutty BA Hons

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Re: Year 8 Swimming Lessons

I am pleased to inform you that this year, your son/daughter will be studying Swimming as part of their Physical Education curriculum; these lessons will take place at either the Southampton University Pool or at The Quays Swimming Pool in the City Centre. Students will travel by transport provided by the school to and from the venues.

Water safety and swimming is a key skill we are passionate in teaching to students. This is to make them safe in and around water, as well as developing an enjoyment for water based activities.

Dates and Times

In order to best accommodate the classes, we have divided the sessions as such, commencing from Tuesday 2nd November.

- **8B** Period 1 and 2 Tuesday mornings (Girls classes From 2nd November until the Christmas break, Boy classes from Tuesday 11th January until the half term break). This will be at The Quays Swimming Centre.
Please be aware there will be no swimming sessions for the girls PE classes on the 9th and 16th November. They will instead be doing some land based training at school. Swimming lessons at The Quays will resume on the 23rd November.
- **8A** Period 5 and 6 Tuesday afternoons (Girls classes From 2nd November until the Christmas break, Boy classes from Tuesday 11th January until the half term break). This will be at The Southampton University pool

Clothing

Your child will need to wear a 'one piece' swimming costume or shorts (above the knee) and will need to bring a towel with them to each lesson. If they or yourself have any questions regarding this then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Students can wear goggles if they own some for lessons if they wish.

If your son/daughter is unable to swim due to injury or illness for that lesson, then a written note will need to be provided prior to the lesson taking part. Students not taking part with a written note must change into their normal PE kit and assist during the lesson.

Please note – All students will need to bring a face covering with them.

If you have any questions, please contact a member of the P.E. Department on 023 8032 3111.

Yours faithfully

Mr R Grant
Head of Physical education

