

## **Weather Update**

We are currently experiencing unusually warm weather with all its benefits and some of its drawbacks. At Bridgewater we take the welfare of our students very seriously and we would like to advise parents, carers and students of the steps we are taking to ensure that this remains the case.

### **Relaxation of uniform policy**

- From Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, students will not be expected to wear blazers or ties; however they will be expected to conform with all other uniform expectations

We will notify you as soon as there is a return to our normal uniform policy.

### **Additional and existing measures**

- It is important that students remain hydrated. There is access to water fountains throughout the day. Routinely students should refill water bottles before school, during morning break, at lunchtime and after school. Some students already bring in frozen water bottles which, of course, remains an option.
- Routinely students can drink from their water bottles during lessons
- The temperature of the classrooms will be monitored. Where practical and if necessary we will look to re-room students to cooler classrooms
- Specialist classrooms such as ICT already have air conditioning
- Where appropriate, subjects such as PE or Food Technology will review their current teaching to take into account the warm weather
- As part of the refurbishment of the Lower School, the new windows which are south and west facing are blue tinted to reduce glare and heat transfer. All windows are designed with modern double glazing to reduce heat loss in winter and limit heat transfer from outside in summer. Overall the thermal properties are much better than before
- There are blinds or curtains in many classrooms whilst windows can open to allow the air to circulate
- Should any student feel unwell, we have well established routines for dealing with any kind of student illness and there are trained first aiders on both sites
- At break and lunch there are plenty of shaded areas for students
- The "sun awareness" poster used in PE is currently a screen saver in all classrooms and teachers will draw this to the attention of students

The welfare of students remains uppermost in all our minds. We believe that these measures will ensure that students remain fit and ready to learn. Equally we believe these measures are proportionate, reasonable and sensible in the light of the weather we are experiencing.

If the situation changes we will of course review the measures we currently have in place. If however, you have any concerns please feel to contact the school or email [weather@bridgewaterhigh.com](mailto:weather@bridgewaterhigh.com)