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Dear Grade 6 Parents,

Welcome back to the new academic year and welcome to Middle School.

Middle school is when we really work hard with the students to be independent and begin getting them ready for the last 5 years of the education in Senior School. With that in mind there are some changes for the students from the previous years at FPA.

In Grade 6, students are allocated from their colour classes for mentor registration groups. These are single gender classes where registration and discussions happen regarding their daily activities at school. The mentor is the first person the students should go to if they are having any issues. The students also have many more teachers and will move around the Middle School to go to lessons – they need to be organised as they need to take all items with them each lesson and thus understand their own timetable – again promoting independence.

During the first few weeks of school, we work hard with the students on ensuring they understand their timetable, know which rooms to go to and how to use their diary efficiently. Staff will write notes in the Homework Diary, so we ask that this is checked regularly at home and signed by a responsible adult at the end of the week as we follow up on Mondays. The students will make a note of their PE day within the diary.

In the morning Grade 6 are left at the main gate at the rear of the school and will then be collected from the gate at the other end of the car parking spaces to ease with congestion. Staff will help guide cars to the correct gates during the first few days.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding Middle School, please contact Ms Nicola Kelly (Head of Middle School) via Ms Hanan in the office.

Yours sincerely,

Jan Brettingham Ms  
Principal