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Dear Grade 7 Parents,

Welcome back to the new academic year and welcome back 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 7, the students have been reallocated from their Grade 6 colour classes for their main teaching classes as we begin to prepare them for Senior School. In addition to this, they will be mixed further for Mathematics and Integrated Studies (INST – which combines English, Geography and History). This allows them to opportunity of working with other students in their grade and encourages extended friendship groups.

During the year, Grade 7 will also be given lockers for them to use to store their books in. This again is something we will help with so that they learn the organisation skills required to ensure they are fully prepared for lessons with all the equipment needed. Being responsible for the locker key will also be discussed.

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 parent or adult sibling 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.

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