

13<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

At the end of an academic year like no other, I wanted to try to provide further guidance about next year in order that we can work together towards what will hopefully be a more 'normal' school year. I thank all the students, staff and parents for their support and determination throughout this challenging year: I know that we will all carry this sense of ambition, positivity and community with us into next year.

Year 11 and 13 students have been contacted directly regarding results days in the summer. These days will be different to previous years but none the less a chance to celebrate the reward for 5 or 7 years hard work. We look forward to seeing those students during the 10<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> August.

In addition, new Year 7 students have been contacted directly about a summer school. However it was wonderful to see students and parents in school this week, even though it was only for a short "drop in", and we hope that this has helped to reassure and welcome the students, ready for September.

We return to school on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September for all students**. Details about testing have been sent to parents. Testing will take place in the week before the return to school in order to reduce any disruption to learning in the new academic year.

In September we will return to students being taught in specialist classrooms, and the current government guidance also does not require "bubbles" or close contacts to isolate as a result of a positive case. However, some of the measures implemented this year have had an incredibly positive impact on the culture within school and so will be maintained:

- Students **must not arrive before 8.30am** and will go straight to their zones.
- All year groups will be kept in year group zones/bubbles for form time as they enter, for form time, break and lunch time.
- Cars will not be able come on to on site for student drop off / pick up.
- Students should not be dropped off on the school carpark. They should enter school via the pedestrian gate only.
- The zones are shown below and will be reiterated to students in September.

Zone	<b>Year 7 Blue Zone</b>	<b>Year 8 Pink Zone</b>	<b>Year 9 Yellow Zone</b>	<b>Year 10 Purple Zone</b>	<b>Year 11 Green Zone</b>	<b>Sixth Form Orange Zone</b>
Location	<b>Music Block &amp; RE</b>	<b>Ground Floor &amp; DT</b>	<b>Geography &amp; Science</b>	<b>Maths &amp; ICT</b>	<b>English &amp; Library</b>	<b>Sixth Form &amp; History/HSC</b>
Start of Day Entrance	Music Gates  Remain on Yard by Music	Main Entrance  Science Yard	DT Gate  Tennis Courts & Side of DT	Normal Entrance  Stay in Dining Room	Fire Exit  Straight up to Green Zone	Main Entrance  Straight up to Sixth Form

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The times of the day are below:

Times	Year 7- 11	Times	Sixth Form
9.05-9.20	Form/AOW	9.05-9.20	Form/AOW
9.20-10.20	Period 1	9.20-10.20	Period 1
10.20 – 11.20	Period 2	10.20 – 11.20	Period 2
11.20-11.40	Break	11.20-11.40	Break
11.40-12.40	Period 3	11.40-12.40	Period 3
12.40-1.40	Period 4	12.40-1.10	LUNCH + FTI LUNCH
1.40 – 2.10	LUNCH	1.10 – 2.10	Period 4
2.10-3.10	Period 5 <b>Y7&amp;8 Finish 3.05</b>	2.10-3.10	Period 5

## Uniform

During the pandemic it has been necessary at times to be pragmatic regarding uniform due to constraints regarding the purchase of footwear and clothing. However, from September we expect standards of uniform to once again be exemplary. Please do not purchase trainers or hoodies for students to wear to school as they are not permitted. The expectations for September are below:

## School Shoes

Leather or leather looking shoes - no boots, pumps, trainers or canvas shoes.

## Hair

No extreme hair colours or cuts are allowed. Minimum length for boys must be a number 2.

## Trousers

Black trousers/grey skirt. (Lycra/leggings are not acceptable) Trousers should be professional and straight legged.

**Make up** No make up for year 7-8. Natural make up for year 9-11 only.

**Jumpers** The school has a school black jumper which is permitted. Hoodies are not permitted and will be confiscated until the end of the day if worn in school

**Coats** Coats may be worn over the top of the blazer

Correct uniform is a non-negotiable expectation and all students must comply. In accordance with government guidance, students will be sent straight home to change if they arrive to school with incorrect uniform, before being expected to return immediately back to school. This includes those students wearing trainers, or without their blazers. The expectation will be that students will return to school as quickly as possible and that missed lessons be caught up at the end of the same school day. Missed time will be recorded as an authorised absence, however should your child continue to breach uniform rules in such a way as to be sent home to avoid school, or take longer than is strictly necessary to rectify their uniform issues, their absence may be recorded as an unauthorised absence. Parents will be informed of all such instances, and should be aware that absences will affect the overall attendance figure of your child. Therefore, it is crucial that students arrive to school every day wearing the correct uniform.

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In order to ensure that students are equipped for school and ready to learn, can I also remind you that all students should arrive to school with a bag which is big enough to include a pencil case, PE kit and all necessary books. The pencil case should include at least two pens, a pencil, rubber and ruler.

As a reminder, our policy on mobile phones is simple; **students are not be permitted to use mobile phones for any purpose whatsoever whilst in the school, from 9am to 3.10pm.** Mobile phone use within school has a detrimental effect on learning in classrooms, and the socialisation of our students in school. Students who need to contact their parents, or parents who need to contact their children, should do so through the office. **Those students who are seen with, or using, a mobile phone in school within these times will have the phone confiscated until the end of the day where they will be able to pick it up from reception.**

Phones that are confiscated will be returned to students at the end of the day in the first instance although, should there be a repeated occurrence, a call will be made home with the requirement for a parent / carer to collect the phone on their child's behalf.

I hope this provides clarity for September. Our newsletter will be sent at the end of this week celebrating some of the achievements of this term.

Thank you for your continued support, and may I take this opportunity to wish a safe and relaxing summer holiday.

Yours sincerely,



Mr M Rayner  
Headteacher