

July 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to the Academic year 2020/2021.

There is so much to share at this time in normal circumstances let alone the post Covid recovery, I thought it important that I share a summary of how we will be approaching the year ahead.

To start with I would like to clarify term time

We expect all pupils to return on the following dates;

- **Monday 7 September Years 7, 12 and 13** (Bubble 1) for Transition, Induction / Registration
- **Tuesday 8 September will see Years 8 and 9** (Bubble 2) start the term
- **Wednesday 9 September will see Year 10 and 11** start the term

Students are expected to arrive for the normal school start time of 8.40.

- Year 7 will come straight into the lecture theatre until 8.40 but should not arrive before 8.20.
- Year 12/13 will come straight in and up to the futures area or football block.
- Years 8 & 9 will be directed to the tennis courts to wait until the 8.40 bell.
- Years 10 & 11 will wait outside on the 'North Path' at the front of school until Y8/Y9 are in.

All will start in form rooms every day at 8.40 as usual and the first term will include a recovery curriculum approach around both well being and re-starting

The school day sees significant change in order to keep the three main bubbles apart – and as far as possible keeps even year groups bubbled together for extra safety.

- We have created a period 2 / break combination which ensures the 3 bubbles are kept separate at social time.
- Likewise, we have created a period 4 lunch combination which ensures the 3 bubbles are kept separate at lunch-time.
- Each year group will have a designated area to eat – Lunch Area 1 – a modified atrium or Lunch Area 2 – the Lecture Theatre.
- You will notice that the students gain 5 minutes on their breaktime but lose 10 minutes from their lunch, this is necessary to be able to deliver lunch appropriately and safely. They will therefore have 5 minutes extra teaching per day.
- Two year groups will have a split lesson during period 2. Two different year groups will have a split period 4.
- Years, 8 and 10 will always eat in the lecture theatre, years 7, 9 and 11 will eat in the modified Atrium.
- Please see the diagram on the next page for the pattern of the new school day.

Other new approaches to keep us safe by social bubbling and minimising face to face interaction

- The whole academy will operate on a one-way basis – always clockwise.
- Students may only use the North Stairs to go up (Up North!) and the South stairs to go down (Down South!). Internal feature stairs will no longer be used by students.
- Hand sanitiser must be used by all students on entry to a classroom – dispensers will be available as they enter a classroom.
- Teachers will socially distance from students where possible, however students will not need to as they will remain in their bubbles throughout the day.

The new Academy day structure

Arrival 8.35 – 8.40	Bubble 1 – 7,12,13 ATRIUM	Bubble 2 Year 8 and 9 Split TENNIS COURT	Bubble 3 Year 10 and 11 FRONT OF ACADEMY
Reg & Tutor 8.40 - 9.05	Form time - Return program - Per week: - Wellbeing x 2 Silent reading x2 Values based culture development x1		
Period 1 9.05 - 10.05	Period 1 9.05 - 10.05 ALL STUDENTS		
Period 2 10.05 - 11.30 To include 3 X 20 Min Breaks	Bubble 1 – 7,12,13 SPLIT BREAK	Bubble 2 Year 8 and 9 EARLY BREAK	Bubble 3 Year 10 and 11 LATE BREAK
	Period 2 A	10.05 – 10.30	Break 8 Atrium 9LT
	Break 7 Atrium 12/13 FA	10.30 – 10.50	10.05 – 10.25
	Period 2 B	10.50 - 11.30	Year 8/9 P2 10.25 - 11.30
			Year 10/11 P2 10.05 - 11.10
			Break 10 Atrium 11 LT
			11.10- 11.30
Period 3 11.30 - 12.30	Period 3 11.30 - 12.30 ALL STUDENTS		
Period 4 12.30 - 2.00 to include 3x 30 min lunch	Bubble 1 – 7,12,13 EARLY LUNCH	Bubble 2 Year 8 and 9 Split LUNCH	Bubble 3 Year 10 and 11 LATE LUNCH
	Lunch 7 Atrium 12/13 FA	12.30 – 1.00	Period 4 A
			12.30 – 1.00
	Year 7/12/13 Period 4 1.00 - 2.00	Lunch 8 Atrium 9LT	1.00 – 1.30
		Period 4 B	1.30- 2.00
			Lunch 10 Atrium 11 LT
			1.30 - 2.00
Period 5 2.00 - 3.00	Period 5 2.00 - 3.00 ALL STUDENTS		
HUB 3.00 - 4.00	HUB AS DIRECTED		

Alongside this letter, you should receive a copy of your child's timetable for the year ahead, including any catch-up hub lessons that we have identified that they may require.

A letter and a FAQ sheet from our Vice Principal Mr Ward, fully explains what the hub sessions are and why we think they are so important that we have timetabled them in.

We know that things have been very challenging for all, but we are confident that we will be doing all we can to keep our community safe for our re-opening in September and whilst we all have misgivings, we agree that now is the time for us all to have courage and step back into the once familiar.

Looking forward to seeing your child at the start of term

Kindest regards

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