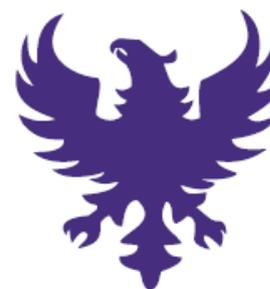


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Year 7- Tuesday 8 September

Rest of school – Wednesday 9 September

Dear Parents / Carers

This is to confirm that we will be opening school to:

- Year 7 on Tuesday 8 September 2020 (8.30am arrival to the Salendine Hall), with
- Years 8-11 on Wednesday 9 September (following the staggered times below, to go to form rooms).

What follows is a series of messages, most of which you have already received. This should serve as a useful reminder in preparation for a quite a different school routine, as we adapt to minimise the risk of Covid-19 infection.

Revised school schedule:

To use this rota simply look for your child's year group and follow that column to see how the school day will operate. It has been changed to accommodate the half year group bubble concept, the staggered start / end, and three-way split lunch.

Years 7 & 8		Years 9 & 10		Year 11	
Registration	Yr7 - 8.30am Yr8 - 8.35am	Registration	Yr9 - 8.40am Yr10 - 8.45am	Registration	Intervention – 8.30am Yr11- 8.50am
Period 1	9.00-10.00am	Period 1	9.00-10.00am	Period 1	9.00-10.00am
Period 2	10.00-11.00am	Period 2	10.00-11.00am	Period 2	10.00-11.00am
Break (in classroom)	11.00-11.15am	Break (in classroom)	11.00-11.15am	Break and Lunch (in Dining Halls)	11.00-11.45am
Period 3	11.15-12.15pm	Period 3	11.15-12.15pm	Period 3	11.45-12.45pm
Period 4	12.15-1.15pm	Lunch (two Dining Halls)	12.15-12.45pm	-----	-----
Lunch (two Dining Halls)	1.15-1.45pm	Period 4	12.45-1.45pm	Period 4	12.45-1.45pm
Period 5	Yr7 - 1.45-2.45pm Yr8 - 1.45-2.50pm	Period 5	Yr9 - 1.45-2.55pm Yr10 - 1.45-3.00pm	Period 5 Period 6	Year 11 - 1.45-3.05pm Revision - 3.10-3.50pm

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New instruction – face covering on lesson change:

All students and staff must wear a face covering on lesson change. Parents must provide this for the beginning of the school year. Masks are not compulsory in lessons. They will only be used on lesson change, unless there is a specific health need for an individual child.

We are not providing instructions on the exact type of face covering. The same mask used for visiting the shops will suffice but parents should include this in a sealable plastic bag. Staff will provide guidance on safe wearing and removal of face coverings. Students wearing inappropriate face coverings will have these confiscated and replaced with a more typical disposable mask.

Rationale for our plans:

Our plans are designed to meet (and go beyond in places), the latest government guidance on the manage of risk related to Covid-19 infections:

- There is a staggered start and finish to the day;
- Year groups remain in bubbles throughout the day (and half year group bubbles in curriculum time);
- Students do not come into contact with other year groups in lessons, lunch or other social time;
- The only contacts occur at lesson change and masks will now be used to add protection here;
- A partial one-way system will be piloted to help manage corridor congestion. All internal rooms in High Building and Salendine Building will become corridors on full lesson changes;
- Toilets will be assigned for separate year groups, with the exception of Years 7 and 8 who will share the largest toilets (see below);
- Attendance will be compulsory for all students. Vulnerable families will be contacted prior to breaking up this Summer;
- **Two metre social distancing remains in place for staff. Staff will be wearing visors on lesson change. In some lessons, staff will be wearing visors throughout the lesson.**

Risk management:

Here is a summary of our risk management plans:

- Masks are now compulsory on all lesson changes;
- On arrival – there will be a naturally staggered start and all students will go to registration as soon as they arrive. There will be no lingering in groups – this will be supervised by SLT in attendance from 8.30am;
- No child will be allowed within two metres of the teacher's desk;
- All teaching will be from the front of class. Where this is not possible (e.g. in practical lessons), staff will wear a visor;
- All desks will be in rows facing the front – there will be no group work in most instances;
- Seating plans will be required for every lesson;
- All students move on bell simultaneously, apart from staggered lunches. A new system to communicate staggered lunches to individual teachers will be used;
- A one-way system will be piloted across the building;
- Period 5 will be of varying length to accommodate staggered departure. (Years 10/11 allowed a snack in the middle of Period 5);
- Hand sanitisation will be available throughout day, using wall mounted facilities. Students will be expected to use the alcohol-based sanitisers frequently. This includes after using the toilet, before and after eating, on arrival and before leaving school.
- Toilets will be assigned to specific year groups. Years 7 and 8 will share the Humanities toilets, which are the largest in school;
- The full risk assessment is now available on the website;
- School remains ready to contact Public Health England in the event of an outbreak;

One-way system:

We are piloting a one-way system. The aim is to have students all walking in the same direction around the building in order to reduce the risk of transmission of the virus in corridors. This will be fully explained to all students upon their return in September. It will feel very odd because it means that some rooms will need to become internal corridors. Staff are aware and ready for this.

Break:

Apart from Year 11, break will be in classrooms. Students will be allowed to use their mobile phones. This is only allowed at break times and will be reviewed.

Public transport:

We have been informed that the timings of some public bus services may change and parents should visit www.wymetro.com for further information. The S48 and K75 bus schedules will remain the same.

The bus company have made it clear that face masks must be worn at all times. If any parent is struggling to access a face mask for their child for the bus, please let us know. We can provide this support.

Toilets:

The government requirements do not include Year group 'bubbles' for toilets. However, we will be creating year group toilet blocks as follows:

Year 11	Sports Hall toilets
Year 10	Music toilets
Year 9	Technology toilets
Years 7 and 8	Geography corridor toilets (these are largest toilets)

Extra-curricular offer:

Lunch clubs will almost certainly have to stop running until further notice. However, we are still planning to run some after school and pre-school activities. For example, Year 11 revision / intervention will still run and we are hoping to run sports fixtures and other activities. More details will follow next term.

Equipment:

It is essential that all students come to school with a bag and necessary equipment. No equipment can be loaned.

Term dates:

The revised term dates are now on the website. We have had to make revisions to our original term dates in order to facilitate a Year 7 Orientation Day. We have also brought forward an INSET day planned for June 2021. This is due to the expected delayed start to the public examination series in 2021.

Drinks:

We have added water points around the building and students are encouraged to fill up water bottles in the morning. The vending machines have been switched off until further notice, so it is essential that your child brings a good-sized water bottle.

Curriculum:

All year groups will return to normal lessons and curriculum content. There are no plans to reduce curriculum content in any year group, though Year 11 do have specific modifications based on latest Ofqual guidance. This is to ensure courses can be completed in one year.

Heads of Department for English, Mathematics and Science may revisit KS2 topics from the National Curriculum as a bridging exercise for Year 7. A recovery curriculum will be implemented in the first week back. Year 9 will be choosing their options in February 2021.

Assessments:

We have brought forward our assessment plans in the Autumn term. This is to address the expected gaps in knowledge in some students. Where possible, work undertaken over the period of school closure will be re-covered. We are also expecting to receive additional funds to establish a tutoring programme. More details will follow in the Autumn term.

Ongoing communication:

It is essential that all parents continue to keep a close eye on the website, twitter and their email. We will keep you updated of all developments.

There will be no evening events until at least January 2021 and we will review this on a termly basis. For Parents' Evenings, we will have a plan in place to ring individual parents with an update on progress. This will only apply where the Parents' Evening is cancelled.

I look forward to seeing everybody next week. I will be in touch if there are any further developments.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Darren Christian
Principal