



## COMMUNITY

Corona Virus Update 24: 7th July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As promised, following last week's government guidance, I have outlined the key information below and included what this means for us. I am sharing this information with the caveat that you will receive the additional detail regarding logistics in future communications - this will no doubt continue into the summer but I promise I will leave you at peace a little more once we have everything confirmed and planned.

- There will be no more guidance around the opening of schools and we must now keep informed of how the local lockdowns will work and indeed the effects of loosening the lockdown to ensure a safe and well-informed oversight.
- Schools are expected to work towards providing a full provision for all students in September. This means we can fast-track some of our previously shared arrangements with some minor tweaks to ensure a swift(er) return in the second week - possibly Y11 Monday/Tuesday and all other year groups each day for a gradual return. This will be confirmed over the coming days/week. A reminder that the first students that start school will be our new Year 7 students on Wednesday 9th to Friday 11th. On the second week, we aim to welcome all other year groups - starting with Year 11 students.
- Year groups (and classes as much as possible) are to be kept in 'bubbles', meaning that if there is an outbreak, staff and parents can use track and trace effectively without the need for a full closure or wide disruption. Staff will rotate to those classrooms/zones rather than students travelling around the building.
- Social times are to be arranged so that the bubbles remain - the creativity of how this will work is in development and will be shared well in advance.
- Staff and students are to, as much as they can, keep a safe distance from each other and students and bear in mind the '1m+' guidance that is now in place. There will of course be specific support and arrangements for vulnerable groups and BAME students following national guidance. A reminder that it is still 2m for adults and staff to students where possible. 1m+ where not possible and max 15min where the 1m rule is broken.



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- It looks as though our outgoing Year 11 students will have the opportunity to re-sit their GCSEs in an Autumn series this year. Where and how this will happen has yet to be confirmed nationally.
- Summer 2021 GCSE series (Year 11 students from September) are to remain the same as we are familiar with with only some minor adjustments. This means 'catch-up' will be like we have never known! Staff and students must prepare for 'extreme catch-up' in their planning in readiness for September.

I hope the above information helps to clarify things a little. Thank you once again for your continued feedback and support and I'll be in touch very soon with more updates.

Yours faithfully

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