

New Y7 Return to School Welcome Guidance

We hope that the following information will assist all our parents and students as we commence the new academic year in September.

Year 7 will commence the Autumn term on Thursday 3 September and should arrive at 8.35am.

They will need to enter the school using the **main school** entrance. (This will change from 7 September to the **lower gate** entrance.) Y7's year group bubble will be based in the Temporary Block from the 7 September

Students will need to arrive just before the start time for a prompt start at **8.35am**. They will leave school each day at 2.55pm.

On a Wednesday, Y7s will leave at 12.55pm using the **lower Gate** entrance.

Please note the general guidance below:

- It is vital for health and safety that students bring the following equipment to school every day: pens, ruler, rubber, glue, pencil, highlighter, calculator, coloured pencils, compass, protractor, paper glue.
- Students must bring a reading or revision book with them every day, appropriate to their age.
- Students should bring the books they need for that day. They should not have multiple books in their school bags that are not needed.
- We expect full school uniform to be worn from the start of term. Please provide a note to explain if there has been a PE purchasing issue.
- Water fountains will not be available for students, therefore they must bring their own water bottle to last them the entire day. No fizzy drinks.
- There will be an updated behaviour policy that will reflect the need to social distance. However the normal expectations will continue, with high standards of behaviour and uniform.
- The normal mobile phone policy will be followed. There may be times that work completed in lessons is recorded on students' phones but this must only be done by asking the teacher for permission to use a mobile phone.
- Students will be arriving and leaving at different times. They must ensure they arrive to school on time but not before the time allocated for their year group 'bubble'.
- We do need all our parents to use an email address that you regularly check. All our documents and communications are online or sent via an email link.

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- Meetings with parents are by invitation only. They will be conducted in a safe environment.
- Please ensure, if students are traveling by car, they are dropped off safely. The car parks on site are for staff only.
- Our expectation is that all students will attend unless they are unwell or self-isolating due to a family member being unwell or displaying virus symptoms.
- Please ensure the school 'attendance' phone number is called if a student is not attending the school.
- Students will be encouraged to wash hands regularly throughout the day.
- If anyone in your household has symptoms of the virus, please follow Government advice and inform the school.
- We commence the new academic year on a Week 1. Week 2 will commence on Monday 7 September.
- Please note that, for all students, there will be shortened day on Wednesdays, leaving after their period 4 lesson.
- Our catering service will recommence from Monday 7 September and this will be confirmed when we know more. Parents are therefore advised that, if their child is in school on 3 or 4 September, they will need to bring in packed lunches and any other food for the day. There will be sandwiches available for those entitled to free school meals.

Going to:	Form	P1	P2/Break	P3	P4	Lunch	Form	P5
Y7 - 8.35	8.35-	8.45-	9.45-	11.05	12.00	1.00-	1.32-	2.00-
Temporary Block	8.45	9.45	11.05	12.00	1.00	1.30	2.02	2.55

Break 10.05-10.25

We will, over the Summer holiday, monitor the national picture and adjust this accordingly. Our website will be updated and we will communicate with you as needed should changes need to be made.