



Head Teacher Announcement 9 September 2020



We are looking forward to seeing all of our students from tomorrow. Today we have welcomed back year 7 and 8 students who are enjoying meeting tutors and beginning lessons with their new teachers and have made an excellent start.

Our biggest challenge at present is welcoming back all students at the beginning of the school day. We have over 900 students who will be arriving on the school grounds from 8.15am. We are trying to ensure that there are no large crowds of students entering school but this is out of our control. We would therefore ask all parents to ensure that their children are not mixing with other bubbles or groups when they arrive in school. Once students are inside the school grounds, we can separate all year groups into their bubbles to ensure that there is limited social contact. They will remain separated from other year groups for the entire school day.

To assist with a safe start to the day, we have introduced a staggered start time for all year groups with year 10 and 11 students being asked to start at 8.30am. All other year groups start at different times with year 7 beginning at the latest time of 8.45am. Please can parents, wherever possible, not allow their son / daughter to arrive at school too early. Our gates are open from 8.15am at present and older students will begin lessons before other year groups arrive in the yard. If students arrive before 8:15am they will have to stand outside the school site.

Year 7-9 students will be outside until they are ready to begin the school day and will only be allowed into the building once they are directed by their year leader. Students will be outside in the morning unless the weather is poor and if this is the case, they will be supervised in their own break out areas. Three separate outside areas have been sectioned for each year group, which will link to their entrance into school. I have attached the main guide with all staggered times and entrances.

Our breakfast club is suspended until further notice, as we cannot mix students inside the bistro area. This is another reason why students are safer at home in the morning.

There has been an incredible amount of planning and organisation to ensure that everyone is safe to return to school. Our staff and students must ensure they follow social distancing advice and guidance at all times. We accept that some students will arrive early, as it is out of some parents control due to work commitments and other school arrangements. Year 7 and 8 students should arrive in school no earlier than 8.30am. I will write to all parents when the school is ready to resume our normal routines but we anticipate this will not be for a while.

Can I also request that under no circumstances, parents enter the school grounds once your child has entered our site. This would be a safeguarding matter which we would have to follow up and we are more concerned with getting students into the school and ready to learn.

We appreciate all of your support as we open school in these challenging times. It is crucial that we work together in partnership to ensure that safety is our main concern at this time.

Ian Noble
Headteacher

Year Group	Entrance	Break Out Area	Start Time	Break	Lunch Time	Finish time
Year 7	Humanities	Humanities Breakout Area	8.45am	10.45am to 11.00am	12.15pm to 12.45pm	2.40pm
Year 8	Technology	Technology Breakout Area	8.40am	11.00am to 11.15am	12.45pm to 1.15pm	2.50pm
Year 9	Main Stairs	Staff Room Breakout Area	8.35am	10.30am to 10.45am	11.45pm to 12.15pm	2.45pm
Year 10	Technology	Bistro Breakout Area	8.30am	10.30am to 10.45am	11.45am to 12.15pm	2.40pm
Year 11	Main Stairs	Maths Breakout Area	8.30am	11.00am to 11.15am	12.45pm to 1.15pm	2.45pm (remain in school for intervention)
Year 12	Main Entrance	Common Room	Flexible start times depending on timetable		12.15pm to 12.45pm	Flexible finish times depending on timetable
Year 13	Main Entrance	Common Room			12.15pm to 12.45pm	