



15 July 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Results Day

Your child has accepted the offer of a place in Guisseley School Sixth Form. This offer is based upon achieving the minimum entry requirement of 5 GCSEs grade 4-9, which must include Maths and English Language or Literature. In addition, GCSE grade 5 is required in the subject areas chosen to study at A level.

Once students have received their results, on 20 August, anyone who requires advice and guidance about the Sixth Form, will be able to book a socially distanced face to face meeting with key staff, (Mr Gadd, Miss Button or Mr Gracey) for that day. We would ask that appointments are limited to the student and one parent/carer.

The booking system will open at 08:00 on results day, the link to the booking system is:

<https://guisseley.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>

If your child does not achieve all of the entry requirements, they may still be able to secure a place in the Sixth Form, depending on GCSE grades in other subjects. Students in this situation must book an appointment using the link above.

Start of Term Arrangements September 2020

COVID-19 Guidance

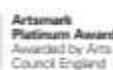
The Government has issued guidance for the full opening of schools in September 2020. We are excited by the prospect of being able to welcome all students back for the term. Senior Leaders are currently planning, in line with Government guidance, to ensure we can be open to all students in September. **This will involve some re-organisation of our school.** A detailed risk assessment will be in place. The driving principle will be the safety of our students, staff and community. We will be developing the arrangements over the next few weeks to ensure control measures are in place whilst at the same time delivering our high quality broad curriculum.

At this point, we already know these measures will include:

- Re-organisation of the school to ensure that we reduce contacts between students and maximise social distancing as much as is possible.
- A requirement for those with COVID-19 symptoms to self-isolate.
- Engagement with NHS Test and Trace.
- Enhanced and effective hand and respiratory hygiene.

Maintaining 2m social distancing is not possible when all students are back in school. We will be following the guidance to ensure that cohorts of students are kept apart and that we are able to prevent movement between groups and minimise movement around the school.

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There is a huge amount of logistical work to complete before plans are finalised and consultation with staff and unions will need to take place. I expect to be able to share these plans with parents/carers during the week commencing 10 August 2020.

In the meantime, some of our arrangements for the start of term in September are already confirmed:

Staggered Return to school

In order to manage the safe return of all students, we will be following a staggered return to school. While our new Year 7 will return on Tuesday 8 September, **Year 12 will return on Wednesday 9 September** for half a day. This will allow us to induct students in to new ways of working as well as preparing them for the new academic year. **Your child will be in school from 8.30am – 12.15pm**, a copy of the timetable will be e-mailed to your child's school e-mail before the start of the new term. This will show them which Form and room they will be in for Registration. When students arrive at school on 9 September, they must use the **Back Lane entrance only and go straight to their Form Room to be registered.**

Dress code

All students will be expected to dress according to the code which is attached.

Attendance

School attendance becomes mandatory again from the beginning of the new term. If you have any questions around attending from September, please contact Mr Gadd.

In addition to A level studies, all students will be timetabled for compulsory Study Flex lessons. All students are also expected to complete one week of Work Experience. More details about this will be available in September and dependant on the Covid-19 restrictions still in place.

This year has been the most extraordinary time that I can remember in education and has been challenging in so many different ways. I would like to thank parents for the work that they have done in maintaining an ongoing commitment to education through home learning over the period of closure. This has not been easy and I understand that it has required individual sacrifice. However, the effort made will ensure that many of our young people have maintained a good level of progress and engagement with their studies. This will, in turn, make the process of learning 'recovery' in September a much quicker one than otherwise would have been the case.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer break and look forward to seeing all of our students return to school in September.

Yours sincerely



Paul Clayton
Headteacher

Sixth Form Dress Code

Sixth Form students are reminded that they have chosen to continue their studies at an 11 – 18 school. In making their choice they must recognise their responsibility in acting as positive role models at all times, including in areas of school dress.

As a Sixth Form student you are expected to dress smartly showing that you are ready to work and setting an example to others. The bullet points below give guidance to your choice of clothes and clearly sets out clothing/accessories that are not acceptable and should not be worn. As fashions change you should wear clothes that are appropriate to a work setting, if in doubt ask.

- **ID Badges must be visible at all times**
- Smart trousers or knee length tailored shorts in the summer term
- Skirt or dress that falls (at minimum) just above the knee
- Smart tops (cleavages and midriffs must not be visible)
- “Inside type” jacket/cardigan/jumper/leavers hoodie/plain hoodie
- No thin strapped vest tops
- No leisure wear, which would include such things as sports shorts/leggings/track suit bottoms/patterned hoodies
- No ripped or faded jeans
- No head garments (except those worn for recognised religious or cultural reasons)
- No visible tattoos
- No excessive jewellery – facial piercings are limited to studs
- No extreme hair style/colour
- **Outside coats must be removed before entering a classroom**

If a student wears clothes or accessories judged to be inappropriate for an 11-18 school setting, the Director and Headteacher reserve the right to refuse admission to the premises.