

9 July 2021

Dear Families,

End of Summer Term 2021

As we approach the end of another purposeful and challenging year, we would like to thank you for all the support you have given us as we have undertaken to continue to operate as 'normally' as possible.

This term ends on Friday 16th July, when there will be an early finish and school will close at 12.20pm. The morning will be spent in usual lessons for periods one and two. For their final hour, students will be in their tutor groups saying their final goodbyes for the year and celebrating all of their fantastic achievements. Full school uniform is to be worn on the last day. Please note the information below about the buses:

These buses **will be running** at 12.20pm on 16th July:

Y85
817
837

The buses below **WILL NOT** be running:

842
838

You may have seen in the media that the government have shared their vision for full school re-opening in September. However, we are yet to receive any clear and detailed guidance as to how this might look but we anticipate that, when the students return to school, they will not be in 'bubbles'. We have also been advised by the Department for Education that on-site testing will continue to take place as students return. Further information about any Covid related processes will be shared at a later date.

In September 2021 all learners will have an induction back into the school. The start and finish times of the school day remain unchanged (8:30am – 2:50pm). Students will return according to their year group as shown below:

- Friday 3rd September – Year 7 only (Induction and Transition)
- Monday 6th September – Year 7, Year 10 and Year 11 only
- Tuesday 7th September – all year groups back in school

From 8:20am onwards, students can access the canopy area, dining hall and technology toilets, before going to line up at their year group entrances for 8:30am. Students will be able to purchase breakfast from the dining hall if they choose to.

In order to create a positive climate for learning where all learners are able to fulfill their full potential we require your support in ensuring the highest standards of professionalism from your child. Their high standard of attendance, punctuality, organisation, personal presentation and demonstration of respect are crucial if all learners in school are to stay safe, are happy and achieve.

Please ensure your child comes equipped with their High Five, (a pen, pencil, ruler, reading book and scientific calculator). If you could encourage your child to pack their bag the night before and check that they have everything they will need for their school day, it will support your child's smooth transition back into school.

Standards of uniform continue to be a priority as professional dress creates a professional climate for learning. Uniform standards and expectations are detailed below:

- Full school uniform to be worn each day.
- Shoes are to be professional, leather (or leather look shoes), not sports brands such as Nike, Adidas, Puma, Converse, New Balance or Umbro etc.
- Skirts need to be worn appropriately and no shorter than one inch above the knee.
- If a student chooses to wear a skirt, then students must wear plain, black, opaque tights at 60 denier. A student can choose to wear trousers as an alternative to skirt and tights.
- No fake, acrylic or false nails (including colouring) and no fake eyelashes are permitted in school.
- If the student is wearing trousers, they need to be tailored, not skinny fit.
- One pair of stud earrings is permitted in the earlobe; no other piercings are permitted on the school site, including multiple piercings in the ears and nose rings / studs.
- Other jewellery including bracelets, necklaces and rings are also not permitted. A watch may be worn.
- Hair styles need to be natural in cut and colour.
- The PE kit includes; a blue logo top and hoodie, with their choice of blue shorts (with school PE socks), blue leggings or blue tracksuit trousers. An optional LHS rain jacket can be worn for adverse weather; no other coats are permitted in PE practical lessons. Trainers for PE need to be non-marking sole trainers for use in the sports hall and dance shoes (Jazz) are recommended for KS4 Dance.

For further details of uniform requirements and stockists, please refer to our website. For clarification, we have also included on our website picture examples of shoes that are acceptable upon your child's return to school.

If your child is being transported to school by car please do not park, pick up or drop off on the turning circle. In order to protect the safety of all on site, drivers are not able to use the drive up to school to drop off or pick up children. Please find an alternative meeting point away from the school site and the busy school buses. In addition, please speak to your child about respecting the local community we belong to as they travel to and from school.

Thank you again for your continued support of our school. By working in partnership together, we can be a school where every child, parent and staff member feels proud to be a part of our community.

We would like to wish you and your family a safe, restful and enjoyable summer.

Yours faithfully,

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