

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are so excited to be reopening our doors in September for all of our students. I know you are all looking forward to this next step toward 'normality', but it, of course, comes with worry and key considerations you will want explained and explored. Please read this letter with care. We have also created a "Frequently Asked Questions" document which you can share with your children, and which we will also use with students.

We have learnt a lot in lockdown on how to deliver virtual education - families and staff have been outstanding, but children need the routine of normal school life and they also need to see their friends and teachers. It is vital that we get pupils back to school in September. The government has made attendance compulsory unless there is a statutory reason for students to be absent.

Our plan is well considered and protects our curriculum and pastoral care - students should expect the same breadth of study and pastoral care that they are used to at school. No time has been cut from the school day, no subjects have been squeezed or removed and students will have a form tutor, head of house and SLT member to support them as always.

Year Group Bubbles

Having already done a lot of preparation and groundwork, we are in a very strong position for the Autumn Term. Pupils who have been in school so far are used to washing their hands and following routes and using specific facilities. In September, we will be zoning the buildings into year group bubbles. Please see the table below for details:

	<u>Entrance and exit</u>	<u>Arrive at School</u>	<u>Finish School</u>	<u>Zone</u>	<u>SLT Attached</u>	<u>First Day Back at School</u>
Year 7	2nd gate (next to Decorium (Western Road))	8:15am	2.50pm	S3 Corridor: Yellow Zone	Mr Greenwood	Thursday 3rd September
Year 8	Community Entrance (through car park)	8.25am	2.50pm	N3 Corridor: Orange Zone	Ms Attreed	Monday 7th September
Year 9	Main Gate	8.25am	3.05pm	5th floor: Red Zone	Mr Matthews	Friday 4th September
Year 10	North Playground, Side Gate (Station Road)	8.25am	3.05pm	N4 Corridor: Green Zone	Ms Sangha	Monday 7th September
Year 11	Main Gate	8.25am	See below for times	S4 Corridor: Blue Zone	Ms Bower	Friday 4th September

Things of note:

- Students will not move outside of their given areas shown in the table above. Teachers will move from bubble to bubble to teach but will remain socially distanced at the front of the room and will be asked to socially distance from each other.

- Once pupils are in school, they will wash their hands regularly, including before and after they eat, and whenever they return from break or lunch.
- Students will be placed in a protective bubble with the rest of their year group. Bubbles will not come into close contact with each other, which will help keep the school safe.
- As we move to year group bubbles, students will be given a temporary year group tutor from their house to maintain continuity where we can.
- We have assigned a senior leader to each year group. The Heads of House will remain over seeing their houses.
- Students should attend school in full uniform (we will be publishing dates and times for the opening of the Uniform Shop on the website next week for those who need to top up uniform items) New year 7 students have already been issued times.

Support for Year 10s Heading into Year 11

With public exams for year 11 only a year away, we know our families are wondering what, other than a well planned in class recovery curriculum, we will be planning in order to support students. Below is an outline of the extended day for year 11s. This is **not** optional. In addition we will be hosting holiday camps for specific subjects to support further. We will write to you further in September with full details.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
15:00- 16:00	14:30 - 15:30	14:30 - 15:30	15:00- 16:00	15:00- 16:00
Year 11 Catch-Up	Exam Practice	Exam Practice	Year 11 Catch up	Controlled Assessment Catch-Up*

*invited students only

Enrichment

Sadly, we will not be able to host a breakfast club in the first instance, but we hope to open this soon. However, we will have a program of clubs and inter house competitions which will run within the year group bubbles! We encourage you all to take part!

Are You Feeling Anxious?

Every child, and every home, has had a different experience with lockdown and home learning. Whilst we know the majority of families will be delighted that schools are reopening, there may be some parents or pupils who feel anxious about returning. If this applies to you, please do not suffer in silence. You should contact us as soon as you can, and we will work with you to ensure you feel reassured that all your concerns have been addressed.

We recognise that there will be learning gaps to be filled when the pupils return and have planned a 'recovery' curriculum so that every student has the chance to catch up. We will also ensure there is time devoted to the emotional wellbeing of pupils. In preparation for this, a team of teachers have been trained in Mental Health First Aid and supporting bereavement strategies.

Track and Trace

We will, of course, also need your help and support to keep school safe as we return to school. Obviously, if your son or daughter, or somebody else in your household, has coronavirus symptoms they should stay at home until tested. Likewise, the government guidance says that if there is a confirmed case at school, then we should work with the relevant health authorities to ensure that everyone who was in close contact with them when they were infectious is notified and self-isolates for fourteen days – in reality, this is likely to be all pupils they have been in a bubble with. At the time of writing, there are approximately 4 new confirmed cases each week in Haringey and rates of infection in the area are considerably lower than other parts of London and the UK as a whole.

What You Can Do to Help

Everyone will need to play a part in keeping the virus out of school. We remind students not to go into shops on the way to or from school and that they walk or cycle to school if they can. If they have to use public transport, they should wear a face covering while travelling which is in line with current [government advice](#). All face coverings and masks should be stored safely during the school day.

If you are travelling outside the UK during the summer break, please check guidelines carefully upon your return, and abide by any quarantine restrictions in place.

Thank You – You Have Been Amazing!

The summer term has been long and tiring for families and staff, but it has also been inspiring and uplifting. The whole community has pulled together to ensure pupils felt safe and supported, and we have shown just how much can be achieved in the most difficult and challenging of circumstances. No matter what your experience of lockdown, parents have been terrific! On behalf of all staff, we want to thank you for everything you have done to support your children's success over this period, and to support our school.

We will be providing some summer projects for students should they wish to complete some tasks over the break. These are optional and will be available on the school website for all from Thursday 16th July.

We will continue to be in touch over the summer to keep you informed about our plans, and to remind you of the key information you need to know. Please remember that if you are the parent of one of our new year 7 students, they can attend our summer school from 24th-28th August.

Have a happy and safe summer break

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