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Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope you remain safe and well at this time.

In line with government guidance, we are opening for all students in all year groups in September.

Our number one priority is the safety and wellbeing of all our students and as such we have undertaken a risk assessment which has been approved by external Health and Safety advisors and has addressed the requirements laid out in the government guidance.

In summary, we are adopting a year group 'bubble' approach. This means each year group will have allocated zones across the school where they will be taught most of their lessons and where they will spend their lunchtime. Students will access specialist rooms to allow them to continue studying their existing subjects. By adopting a bubble approach, this removes the need for students to socially distance from their year group peers. They are however, not allowed to interact with students in other year groups and guidance states that, where possible, adults in school should remain 2m from children and colleagues.

School attendance is compulsory again from the start of the Autumn term. The only exceptions will be where a student is unable to attend in line with public health advice because they are self-isolating and have symptoms or a positive test result, or because they are in close contact of someone who has the virus.

We also expect students to be in their full school uniform.

In order to facilitate a smooth start to the new academic year and to ensure all students are familiar with what their schooling will look like, we are staggering the start to the term.

Wednesday 2nd September

Year 7 – Report to the main hall between 8.45am – 8.55am, accessing school through main reception.

Year 12 & 13 – Report to the library between 8.45am – 8.55am



Thursday 3rd September

Years 7, 12 & 13 will follow their timetable: 8.55am – 3.05pm.

All other year groups below must line up on the front field in their allocated forms at the identified time. As we have to maintain social distancing from other year groups, it is very important that you do not send your child until their allocated time. There will be a short assembly and then students will follow their timetable for the remainder of the day. They will be given their student planner and timetable and you will be able to see this when you log in to Synergy.

Year 8 – 8.55am

Year 9 – 10.05am

Year 10 – 11.15am

Year 11 – 1.05pm

Friday 4th September

All students in school: 8.55am - 3.05 pm

I have attached a presentation which outlines the actions we have taken to ensure your child's safety whilst allowing them to study their full curriculum. You can find a full copy of our risk assessment and link to Government advice on our website.

Other updates

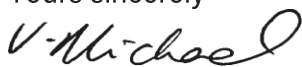
Whilst we have provided education for key worker children and vulnerable students during lockdown and more recently for Year 10 and Year 12 students, we have made significant progress in improving the school site: our new building is open and ready to use; new doors have been fitted throughout many of the buildings; the roof project is complete; new double glazed windows are being fitted across the site and the gatehouse has been refurbished.

Over the summer, we are installing 310 new computers and refurbishing the upstairs corridor to further modernise the building. We have made the most of having a partially empty site to increase the pace of our school improvements.

The school will be closed from Friday 17th July apart from results day for Year 11 and Year 13; more details will follow shortly on how this process will operate and how we will manage recruitment into the Sixth Form.

We very much look forward to welcoming your child back into school in September as we continue to work together in providing the best education we can so that every student in our care reaches their potential.

Yours sincerely



Mrs V Michael

Principal