

15th July 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

We are fast approaching the end of this term and this extraordinary academic year, which has brought its challenges and its many successes. School has been a very different place across the last twelve months; however, the pupils have shown us all, how resilient, adaptable, caring and responsible they can be. Despite the national challenges, we have achieved so much and have continued to deliver a high quality education with exceptional learning experiences.

Student learning

Students have continued to work productively in lessons during the summer term and have produced some high-quality work. One of our School Improvement Partners, has commented on the good behaviour and manners seen during a visit on 6th July. We will continue to teach the curriculum planned on site until the end of the school day on 16th July because with so much face-to-face teaching lost this year, we are making the most of the term. Therefore, teachers will continue to have high expectations of students' commitment and work rate.

Staying safe and continuing COVID-19 testing at home during the school holidays

As the number of positive COVID-19 cases continues to double approximately every 10 days in England, we are continuing to emphasise to students that in order to minimise transmission of COVID-19 until the 19th July that they need to:

- Wear masks in communal areas
- Sanitise their hands

We would like to thank pupils and their families for taking lateral flow tests at home. You are making an important contribution to keeping your friends, family and our wider community safe. It is important that regular testing continues with students to take two tests per week to keep us all safe.

End of Summer Term

- **The last day for secondary pupils will be Friday 16th July.**
- Friday 16th July end times will be at the normal staggered finishing times.
- **Monday 19th July will serve as a remote learning day** where pupils can access learning through MS Teams.
- **Pupils do not attend school on 19th July.** As the last day is normally a half day, teachers of period 1-3 will upload lesson activities.

Farewells and Greetings

As the year comes to an end, we have to say goodbye to Ms Morgan, Ms Ashraf, Ms Ager, Ms Omer, Ms Delisha, Ms Staniland, Ms Hossain, Ms Gonzales, Mr Mutasa and Mr Mirza all of whom are embracing new chapters of their careers and lives. On behalf of all the staff we thank them for all their work and contribution towards Waverley School.

Arrangements for the New Academic Year

We will welcome all of pupils on a staggered start from Monday 6th September 2021.

Years 7-11 upon arrival will enter through the main school gates

Years 12 and 13 upon arrival will enter through the main school gates and will walk to the left to the PE side gate to make their way to the sixth form building.

Please see the below grid for further information on your child's start day and time:

| ARRIVAL DATES & ARRIVAL TIMES | Monday 6th September 2021 | Tuesday 7th September 2021 |
|--|---|--|
| Year 7 | 08:25 | 08:25 |
| Year 12 | 08:25 | 08:25 |
| Year 13 | Not in school | 08:25 |
| Year 8 | | 08:25 |
| Year 9 | | 08:25 |
| Year 10 | | 08:25 |
| Year 11 | | 08:25 |

The school day ends at 3:15pm for all pupils on 6th and 7th September 2021

From 8th September 2021:

| School beginning and end times | All pupils arrive to school by | Lessons end |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Year 7 | 08:25 | 15:15 |
| Year 8 | 08:25 | 15:15 |
| Year 9 | 08:25 | 15:15 |
| Year 10 | 08:25 | 15:15 |
| Year 11 | 08:25 | 15:15 |
| Year 12 | 08:25 | 15:15 |
| Year 13 | 08:25 | 15:15 |

Free School Meal Vouchers

FSM voucher from Birmingham City Council are being sent out this week to eligible families.

19th July Roadmap and information for schools (stage 4 of unlocking)

- At Step 4 and after the end of the summer term, it will no longer be necessary to keep children in consistent groups ('bubbles'). This means bubbles will not need to be used for any summer provision (for example, summer schools) or in schools from the autumn term.

- Schools and settings will only need to do contact tracing up to 18th July 2021. From 19th July 2021 (Step 4), close contacts will be identified via NHS Test and Trace.
- From 16 August 2021, children under the age of 18 years old will no longer be required to self-isolate if they are contacted by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case.
- From step 4, face coverings will no longer be advised for pupils, students, staff and visitors either in classrooms or in communal areas.
- From Step 4, face coverings are also no longer recommended to be worn on dedicated transport to school or college.
- **Please be aware that this information and guidance could change during the summer break and we will send out updates if required.**

Exam Results Days and Sixth Form enrolment

Year 13 students will come into school to receive their Advanced Level results on Tuesday 10th August. The Sixth Form Team and members of the Leadership Team will be on hand to provide guidance, advice and support.

Year 11 students have been invited into school on Thursday 12th August to collect their GCSE results.

Members of the Leadership Team will be on hand to provide guidance, advice and support and to formally confirm enrolment into our sixth form

A letter has been sent to all Year 11 and Year 13 pupils with result collection date and time.

Start of the Autumn Term - Teacher Training days

Prior to the start of term there will be two teacher training days on Thursday 2nd September and Friday 3rd September.

Catering

We have previously communicated details of our plans and quest for further improving school dinners. I am pleased to confirm that we have now taken on a new catering company - Mellors Catering Services who will be in operation at the start of the new year.

Medicines in School

If your child/children take medication which is either prescribed or off the counter and required in school, please can you bring medication to school on the first day that your child returns to school. Medication/inhalers should be in its original packaging and if prescribed it should have your child's name on it. Please see the school nurse, Ms Mahon for a consent form to be signed in order for medication to be administered in school.

School Uniform

Wearing school uniform smartly and with pride is a very important part of our high standards

- All students will be expected to wear full school uniform including their lanyard from the first day back to school.
- PE kit will also be worn for PE lessons.
- Please see the school website for further details about our school uniform.

- We have sometimes had to apply our rules about uniform because of actions taken during holiday periods. I would like to respectfully remind all pupils, parents and carers that:
1. **Piercings- other than one ear stud, all other piercings are not allow including nose piercings. We have had an increase number of pupils wearing nose studs and pupils will be required to remove piercings if they wear them in school.**
 2. **Hair dying and tram lines in hair: any colours and tram lines outside of what is accepted are also not part of our school dress code.**

Key Dates

- Friday 16 July: Last day for pupils on site. Finish at normal time
- Monday 19 July: Remote learning day for pupils to work at home
- Tuesday 10 August: A-Level Results Day
- Thursday 12 August: GCSE Results Day
- Monday 9 August – Friday 13 August: Summer School for the new Year 7 cohorts
- Thursday 2 September & Friday 3 September: INSET days. **Pupils are not in school**
- Monday 6 September: Term starts for Year 7 and Year 12- see above
- Tuesday 7 September: Term starts for Year 8, Year 9, Year 10, Year 11 and Year 13 (see above)
- Monday 25 October – Friday 29 October: Half Term

Finally, Eid Mubarak to all of our families who will be celebrating, enjoy this time and the summer break with your loved ones. I thank you for your support, kind words and resilience during this academic year. It always both impresses me and reassures me, when parents, carers and families support our work in school with our wonderful pupils.

Please remain safe, look after one another and have a well-deserved break. We look forward to welcoming you all back in the new academic year.

Yours sincerely,



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