

SEPTEMBER ARRANGEMENTS 2021

21st July 2021

Dear Parent/ Carer,

As we approach the end of another busy and successful year, I thought it would be useful to provide you with some key information about the start of the new academic year. This relates to COVID testing and the start of term in September.

Again, we have experienced an academic year without precedent and I would like to thank all of you for your support throughout. It is a year that has been full of new and difficult challenges for everyone, and it is through your commitment to supporting students at home, ensuring they have everything they need for the school day, and all of the countless other things you do, that we have been able to ensure our students continued to learn as effectively as possible. It has been fantastic to be able to return to some of our more normal practices this term, including some of our first trips, Year 10 having taster lessons in Q6, and several others. There are some things which we have implemented this year, as a result of the pandemic, which have been very positive and we will continue some of these into next academic year.

As always at the end of the academic year, we will be saying goodbye to some colleagues who will be leaving the Quest. We would like to thank them for their contributions and wish them the very best of luck for the future.

Start of Term

Students should come into school for their first days at the times indicated below. Please note that these Year Groups are those students will be going into in September, and not their current Year Groups.

New Year 7: First day Tuesday 7th September. Arrive 8am-8.15am. Finish at 2.30pm. Normal school days from Wednesday 8th September.

Years 8-11 and 13: First Day Wednesday 8th September. Arrive at normal school time (7.45am-8.15am) finish at 2.30pm.

Year 12: First day Tuesday 7th September. Arrive between 10.50am and 11am. Normal school days from Wednesday 8th September.

Testing

With the current increase in the number of national cases of COVID it is important that we avoid spreading the virus in school when we return. To help reduce this spread, students will be offered 2 Lateral Flow Tests (LFTs) at the start of term on the dates outlined below. If you have already provided consent for the previous round of testing, you do not need to do anything further. Students must arrive at school at the times indicated. Students

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should always arrive at the Glass Door entrance by the Sports Hall. Following this, we will continue to provide LFTs which can be administered at home.

Please see the separate letter for more details regarding testing in September, and how you can provide consent.

	Friday 3 rd September	Tuesday 7 th September
Year 7	8.30-9am	Students with consent will be tested as part of their first day.
Year 8	9.30-10am	9.30-10am
Year 9	11am-11.30am	11am-11.30am
Year 10 and Year 11	12pm-12.30pm	12pm-12.30pm
Q6 Students	1.30pm-2pm	1.30pm-2pm Year 12 students with consent will be tested as part of their first day.

School Days

We will be returning to our normal school days in September, with school finishing later on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The Academy day starts at 8:20am (students need to be lined up in silence at this time so should aim to arrive by 8.15am). It ends at 2:30pm on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and at 3:20pm on Tuesday and Thursday. The school is open from 7:45am when students may have breakfast, use the Learning Resource Centre and have access to their lockers and form areas. The extra 50 minute session on Tuesday and Thursday allows us to provide a broad and varied programme of activities in addition to the academic curriculum. We are very much looking forward to being able to return to these.

As the school grows, we shall retain separate breaks and lunches for Key Stage 3 and 4 and 5 in order to comfortably fit in the canteen. These times are indicated below:

	Key Stage 3	Key Stage 4 & 5
8.20 - 8.40	Tutor Time	Tutor Time
8.40 - 9.30	P1	P1
9.30 - 10.20	P2	P2
10.20 - 11.30	Break (10.20 - 10.40)	P3 (10.20 - 11.10) Break (11.10 - 11.30)
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11.30 - 12.20	P4	P4
12.20 - 13.40	Lunch (12.20 - 12.50)	P5 (12.20 - 13.10) Lunch (13.10 - 13.40)
	P5 (12.50 - 13.40)	
13.40 - 14.30	P6	P6
14.30-15.20	P7 (Tuesday and Thursday)	P7 (Tuesday and Thursday)

Reminders

Please ensure that you take the opportunity over the summer holidays to check that your son/daughter has all necessary items of school uniform and equipment for the new academic year. A full uniform list is available on the school website [under the Uniform tab](#).

Please remember students are not permitted to use mobile phones on the school site. These should be switched off and out of sight by the time students come onto the premises. If students need to contact you, or you need to contact them, during the school day they can do this by speaking to reception or another member of staff. If a phone is heard or seen during the school day it will be confiscated for 1 week on the first occasion. This rule really does have a positive impact on student engagement and learning in school, and we do appreciate your support in maintaining our high standards.

Students and staff do need a well-earned break, however there will be some summer work available through Google Classroom for those who would like to complete this. Of course, this has been an incredibly challenging year, however it is also one where we have demonstrated our strength as a community; we have learned in some new and innovative ways, and built upon our strengths.

Thank you for your contribution to this, and for your continued support. I wish everyone a very relaxing and enjoyable summer break and am looking forward to seeing students back, ready for another very successful, and hopefully more 'normal' year, in September.

Your Sincerely



Mr T. Beecham
Deputy Principal