

HSP/RMT: Headmaster's letter for current Year 7 and 8
17th July 2020

HEADMASTER'S LETTER TO
PARENT(S)/ GUARDIAN(S) No.6

Dear Parent(s)/ Guardian(s)

This has been a challenging time for the school and you as parents. May I thank you for your co-operation in recent months. The staff at Heathland have worked very hard to ensure your children are continuing learning at home and more recently we have engaged Years 10 and 12 in "face to face" lessons. We have maintained a provision for the children of Key Workers and vulnerable pupils since March. The school has also been open during the Easter break and May half term.

You will be aware the Government has stated schools are to open to all pupils in September. The Covid-19 virus is still a risk and the Governors and management of the school have to ensure, as far as possible, the safety of staff and pupils is protected. In light of this, with a pupil roll of 1,800 and three different buildings we have planned a phased approach for pupils to return in September. We are setting up an infrastructure to deliver remote Microsoft Team lessons at the same time.

Year group bubbles will be set up, with no need for social distancing, however, pupils from different year groups should be kept apart. This has led to staggered starts and finishes to the school. There will also be different zones where pupils will have their break and lunch, keeping year groups together.

We will avoid large gatherings by not having assemblies.

To minimise the amount of movement around the school, we will move from 6 single lessons in a day to 3 double lessons.

I will set out the arrangements in outline in this letter. On their first day in school next term, each pupil will receive an individual timetable and this will be noted in his/her diary.

1. START OF AUTUMN TERM 2020

- Friday 4th September: Year 12 only attend at 9.30am for an Induction Day.
- Monday 7th September: Year 7 attend for Induction from 8.30am – 3.00pm
Year 12 attend for Tutorials starting at 9.00am and finishing at 11.00am
May I ask parents with Year 7 children not to turn up at the gate to collect pupils.
- Tuesday 8th September: Tutorials for all Year Groups except Year 12

TIMES ONLY FOR TUESDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2020

Times for start and finish are staggered to ensure pupils do not mix and we minimise large groups.

Year 7	9.15am – 11.15am
Year 8	9.25am – 11.25am
Year 9	9.35am – 11.35am
Year 10	9.45am – 11.45am
Year 11	9.55am – 11.55am
Year 13	10.05am – 12.05pm

Year 12 students have an independent Learning Day on 8th September.

No lunch will be provided on 8th September.

PHASE 1 ARRANGEMENTS FROM WEDNESDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2020

Initially from 9th September, the daily timetable will be reduced to minimise pupil interaction and movement. This is to protect the safety of adults and pupils in school.

During Phase 1, pupils in Years 7, 8, 9, 10, 12 and 13 will have ‘live’ remote lessons to follow at home. Each day will consist of 3 lessons with 2 breaks.

The Phase 1 arrangement will be in place initially. We are planning to introduce a full day timetable for other year groups as follows:

From Monday 21 st September:	Year 7 and 13
From Monday 28 th September:	Year 10 and 12
From Monday 5 th October:	Year 8 and 9

TO SUMMARISE FROM WEDNESDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER:

Year 7

Morning: Two periods – remote lessons at home

Period 1 8.30am – 10.10am

Period 2 10.40am – 12.20pm

Afternoon: Lesson in school

Period 3 1.20pm – 2.50pm

Year 7 should arrive and leave by the main pedestrian gate.

Year 8

Morning: Two periods remote lessons at home

Period 1 8.35am – 10.15am

Period 2 10.45am – 12.25pm

Afternoon: Lesson in school

Period 3 1.25pm – 2.55pm

Year 8 should arrive and leave by Wyndham Crescent gate (near the Astro).

Year 9

Morning: Two periods remote lessons at home

Period 1 8.40am – 10.20am

Period 2 10.50am – 12.30pm

Afternoon: Lesson in school

Period 3 1.30pm – 3.00pm

Year 9 should arrive and leave by the main pedestrian gate.

These arrangements are rather complex to meet Government guidance. The different timings will be explained to and noted by pupils and Sixth Formers.

Our normal school timetable consists of a 6 period day. We hope to return to this later in the academic year.

May I emphasise parents should not come into school unless they have telephoned in advance to make an appointment.


In order to support the school and their son/ daughter (s) from September. Parents should ensure that:

- Ensure pupils arrive on time for lessons and return home promptly without waiting for friends. Wearing a watch will be very useful.
- Pupils follow a revised 'Behaviour Policy'. This does not permit mobile phones to be brought into school.
- Pupils carry a personal hand sanitiser and their own water. A mask or visor can be worn in school.
- All should bring in their own equipment and books for lessons.
- Remind pupils to maintain at a safe distance from staff at all times.

We will write again in August to confirm these arrangements.

This term finishes on Friday 17th July. On behalf of all the staff, I hope everyone stays healthy and safe over the summer holiday.

Yours faithfully,

H. S. 

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