

September 2018.

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you have all had a lovely summer break and that you have all enjoyed the beautiful weather!

The new school year starts for students on Wednesday 5 September.

Arrangements for the first week back.

Students are in school from 8.45am-12.30pm Wednesday 5th September Thursday 6th September and Friday 7th September.

(The only exception to this is the students who have received individual letters about courses off site.)

Arrangements from week 2

From Monday 10th September the school day is from 8.45am-2pm (Monday - Thursday) and 8.45am-1.15pm on Fridays. Please note the change to the length of the school day.

(Again for students who have courses off site they must follow their individual timetables.)

Key points to note

School starts at 8.45am. Please discuss this time with your child to make sure they are clear of expectations.

ALL phones/smoking equipment/valuables must be handed in please for safe keeping.

Whilst we do not have a "uniform" we do expect students to look smart please.

The policy of staying late to make up for lost time/incomplete work/inappropriate behaviour remains. In the event that students are on time, complete work to the best of their ability and have positive behaviours throughout the day they should be able to leave school at 2pm (1.15pm on a Friday). If this isn't the case they will be asked to remain in school for up to 30 minutes. To avoid any confusion it is much simpler to have signatures in advance.

Students will be allocated a key worker who will be your initial point of contact. There should be frequent contact between your child's key worker and yourselves- we find that when we all work together we make the most progress. Please can you make sure we are aware of any changes to mobile phone numbers/email addresses.

If there have been any changes to your or your child's circumstances over the summer holidays- please let us know . All information will be treated in confidence.

Your child will be given an Individual Learning Plan. This will be shared with you so you are aware of what is happening every day.

As a staff we actively discourage smoking and vaping. If your child does smoke or vape please can you make sure that they understand that we do not want smoking outside the school. Any littering could be met with a fine from street wardens.

Last year's y11 have produced some good GCSE results. The range of subjects studied is wide and the majority of our y11 students will be starting on a range of courses and apprenticeships. We will miss them and wish them all the very best- I am sure some will keep in touch.

Please note - ONLY KEY STAGE 4 STUDENTS WILL BE ALLOWED OFF SITE AT LUNCH TIME.

We have already planned some exciting changes for this year and as always are constantly looking for new ways to engage our students to help them step forward. Last year we had the highest number of students returning to mainstream than I can remember. This shows how closely we work together with other mainstream schools.

If you wish to get in touch to discuss next steps of your child's education please contact the key worker in the first instance.

As a staff we very much look forward to working with our students and their families for what I hope is another successful year.

Kind regards

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Deputy Head of School