



KING HENRY VIII SCHOOL

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Dear parents and guardians,

As we come to the end of another busy half term, we would like to congratulate our Year 11 and 13 students who have worked extremely hard on- their classroom based assessments. Year 11 and 13 will now engage with pre 'A' Level and higher education programmes designed to support their next steps. This affords us the opportunity to amend our school operations as from Monday 7 June.

The school day from Monday 7th June

As a school, we shall continue to employ a staggered start and finish to the school day. It is important that students arrive on time and move to their allocated waiting area. This has worked well so far and we would expect this to continue.

Daily Structure	Registration	Session 1: 100 minutes		Session 2: 100 minutes plus 30 minute break		Session 3: 100 minutes plus 30 minute lunch			Leaving times	
	8:40-9:00	9:00-10:40		10:40-12:50		12:50-15:00				
Group 1 8 & 9	Yr 9 08:50 Yr 8 08:40	Session 1		Break 10:40-11:10	Session 2 100 minutes		Lunch 12:50-13:20	Session 3 100 minutes		Yr 9 15:00 Yr 8 14:50 Buses 14:55
Group 2 7 & 10	Yr 7 8:40 Yr 10 8:50	Session 1		Session 2 35 minutes	Break 11:15-11:45	Session 2 65 minutes	Session 3 35 minutes	Lunch 13:25-13:55	Session 3 65 minutes	Yr 7 14:50 Yr 10 15:00 Buses 14:55
Group 3 11 & Post-16	Post-16 09:00	Session 1		Session 2 70 minutes	Break 11:50-12:20	Session 2 30 minutes	Session 3 70 minutes	Lunch 14:00-14:30	Session 3 30 minutes	Post-16 15:00 Buses 14:55

During each break, every year group will continue to have their own canteen and outdoor area to maintain the safety and security of each year group.

Year 9 transition into Key Stage 4

To ease Year 9's transition into KS4 Mrs J Davies Wellbeing Leader will take responsibility for them as from Monday 7th June. Mrs J Davies will be getting to know our Year 9 students on an individual basis so that they feel supported as they transfer to their examination courses. Furthermore, she will be using this time to reinforce high standards and expectations, allowing the year group to establish the positive attitudes and learning behaviours so that they are successful and achieve outcomes that they are proud of.

The students have now completed the options process, including a one-to-one interview with a Senior Leader. We have been very impressed with the maturity shown by our students as they considered their choices and we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for supporting the options process at home.

As a school, we know the partnership with parents and guardians is vital and Mrs J Davies is very much looking forward to building on the relationship established by Mr A Smith Wellbeing Leader Year 8 & 9. The next two years are an extremely important stage in your child's education. As a school, we anticipate that all Year 9 students will make a successful transition to KS4.

Year 12

Year 12 are expected to return to school on Monday 7th June and be in full time education until the end of term. Students will be commencing Year 13 study and undertaking destination planning whether this be apprenticeships, work based learning, further or higher education.

Equipment

To maximise learning time after Whitsun can we ask all students arrive in school with a sturdy school bag that contains their normal writing equipment of pen, pencil, ruler, rubber and glue stick contained within a pencil case. In addition a basic maths set, calculator and coloured pencils. If all students are equipped appropriately this allows for a prompt start to every lesson. Equipment can be purchased through our Parentpay portal.

Face coverings

Our students have been incredibly respectful and worn their face coverings when in school. However, they sometimes forget to bring their washable face coverings that were supplied to each student during the autumn term. Please help us by reminding your child to bring their re-useable face covering to school each day as this would greatly reduce the number of face coverings that we are handing out on a daily basis.

Uniform for Years 7 to 10

The students look really smart and are a credit to the school and their families. Our uniform reflects a sense of belonging and pride in our school community. Just a reminder that if you are purchasing any uniform over the Whitsun break details of our uniform requirements can be located on our website [here](#).

We do expect all students to wear their blazer at all times, unless agreed by their teacher. If a coat is required it should be worn over the blazer. **Hoodies, cardigans, round neck sweatshirts and denim jackets are not school uniform and are not to be worn.**

Maintaining safe operations

We are asking for the support of our school community in adhering to current Welsh Government COVID – 19 guidance so that we can safely open on Monday 7th June. Making sure we keep local rates of infection low will allow the school to remain fully open.

Lateral flow device tests

Students do not need to undertake lateral flow device tests over Whitsun; however, they should take a LFD test on the morning of Monday 7th June prior to returning to school. Full details regarding LFD testing can be found on our school website [here](#).

Finally, can we wish you all an enjoyable Whitsun holiday after what has been a damp and wet half term. The forecast is much better for next week and we trust you and your family are able to enjoy this. We look forward to our students returning to school, ready to learn and make the most of the final half term of the year.

Best wishes and thank you for your continued support,

Yours sincerely,

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Head of School