



July 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Updates from the Principals

We would like to start this letter with an enormous thank you to you for your ongoing support at this challenging time. As you will be aware, the number of COVID-19 cases across Wakefield is high, particularly amongst secondary aged young people. We have been in contact with Public Health England who have confirmed that we are responding appropriately by identifying close contacts of all positive cases and asking students to self-isolate. We understand that this is disruptive to family life and we thank you for collecting students promptly and for following up with PCR tests. This is resulting in asymptomatic cases being identified, which is the current measure to control the virus.

Changes from Monday 19th July

From Monday 19th July, we will respond to 'Step 4' COVID-19 advice and guidance:

- Close contacts of positive cases will be followed up by NHS Track and Trace. College will no longer be identifying close contacts. Please keep your child at home if they or a member of your household is displaying symptoms of COVID-19.
- Students will no longer be asked to wear a face covering when moving around the College site. However, we will be happy for students and staff to wear a face covering, if they wish to.
- All operational arrangements involving students, such as start and finish times, will remain in place until the end of term. It is more sensible for us to introduce changes in September.
- Other COVID safety measures will stay in place, such as, hand hygiene, good ventilation and regular lateral flow testing as we know that these reduce the transmission of the virus.

Arrangements for Friday 23rd July 2021

As we informed you in our letter mailed out last month, the College year ends on Friday 23rd July. We wish to recognise the commitment shown by students and staff this academic year by having a celebratory last day of term (as we did at the end of the Autumn Term).

- Staff will be celebrating the end of term with quizzes, games or films in lessons on the morning of Friday 23rd July.
- Students are invited to bring party food to enjoy in their lessons.
- Students are allowed to wear non-uniform. They may wear casual clothing appropriate to a school environment. The normal rules regarding jewellery apply. We will not be asking for cash donations, but students are asked to bring a donation for the Westfield Food Bank.
- Students will leave College early at the following times:
Year 7 – 11.40am
Year 8 – 11.45am
Year 9 – 11.50am
Year 10 – 11.55am
Post 16 – 12 noon
- If you wish your child to stay in College until their normal finish time, please contact us and arrangements can be made to accommodate this.

Summer Holiday Provision

Monday 2nd August – Friday 6th August

Tuesday 10th August

Thursday 12th August

Please see the College website for further details regarding these events.

Year 6 Summer School

'A' Level & Level 3 Results Day

GCSE & Level 2 Results Day

Start of Term Arrangements – September 2021

We are required to offer voluntary **lateral flow testing** (LFT) for COVID-19 on site as students return to College in September, but we want this to cause the minimum disruption to learning at the start of term. Each year group will be offered an appointment 'window' for their first LFT during the College INSET Days, Monday 6th September or Tuesday 7th September. Students will be invited to leave a lesson for their second LFT on Thursday 9th September or Friday 10th September.

We will communicate full details nearer the time. We will also be seeking testing consent for students joining us in Year 7.

Unfortunately, we were not able to hold our normal Year 6 Transition Days in June. To support our new Year 7 students, they will be the only students in College on the morning of Wednesday 8th September. Other year groups will start as detailed below:

Wednesday 8th September 2021		
Time:	Session:	Year Group:
8.45	Arrival of <u>Year 7</u> students through their designated entrance gate & to the Main Hall	Year 7
8.45 – 11.30	Period 1 & P2A with Year 7 P&A mentors, including tour of the site	Year 7
Year 7 Snack Break 11.30-12.00		Year 7
12.00 – 14.25	Period 2B & Period 3 Year 7 follow normal timetable	Year 7
13.00-14.00	<u>Post 16 students'</u> meeting in the Main Hall <i>with Mr Lloyd</i>	All P16 students

Thursday 9th September 2021		
Time:	Session:	Year Group:
8.45	Arrival of <u>Year 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11</u> students through their designated entrance gate	Year 7 - 11
08.45 – 10.40	Year 7-Year 11 in P&A time	Y7-11
10.40-11.30/12.20	All students (including Post 16) in Period 2. <u>Post 16</u> will arrive on site for 10.40 am.	Y7-13
Snack Break 11.30-12.00 (Year 7 & 8) 12.20-12.50 (Year 9, 10, 11 12 & 13)		Y7-13
12.50-14.25/30	All students (including P16) in normal Period 3	Y7-13

From Friday 10th September onwards, all students will follow our **revised College Day**.

Start time for all students: 8.45am
Finish time for Key Stage 3 (Year 7 & Year 8): 2.25pm
Finish time for Key Stage 4 & 5 (Year 9 - 13): 2.30pm

Each year group will have a separate entrance where they should line up from 8.40am. We are delighted to be able to offer a full programme of extra-curricular activities from 8.10am every morning and until 3.30pm every evening. The bus company is aware of these changes and has previously stated that they can accommodate the times above.

Uniform and Behaviour Expectations

We will be returning to our full College uniform, including a blazer and a tie. We mailed out our uniform leaflet to every family in June. Please contact us if you require another copy or refer to full details on the College website <https://minsthorpe.cc/school-uniform/>

Cross Curriculum Team Leaders will be holding assemblies with their year groups w/c 19 July to explain uniform and behaviour expectations to students. A recording of the assemblies will be posted on Satchel: One for isolating students to watch and also on the College website which we ask you to watch with your child.

Year Office Teams – September 2021

We encourage you to contact College by email enquiries@minsthorpe.cc or by using the School Gateway app if you have any questions about the content of this letter.

Individual issues relating to your child should be addressed with the relevant Year Office Team.

Year Group	CCTL (Head of Year)	ACCTL (Assistant Head of Year)
7	Miss Bigland & Miss Bird	Mr Brown
8	Mrs Lloyd & Mr Harnell	Miss Ficken
9	Mrs Cunningham	Mr Johnson
10	Mr Max	Mrs Fish
11	Mrs Patton	Mr Lumley
Post 16	Director of Post 16 Mr Lloyd	Miss Marshall & Mr Hughes

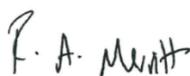
Final Word

We thank you for your support for your child's education throughout this academic year, especially during periods of remote education. We continue to appreciate the Motivation, Commitment and Care shown by students, parents and staff. We all deserve a relaxing Summer Holiday and, hopefully, an increasing return to normality. Let's hope the sun shines for us all!

Yours sincerely



Mr M Gilmore
Principal



Mrs R. A. Merritt
Principal