

Dear Parents and Carers

I would just like to take the opportunity to update you on a few school matters.

### Year 9 – changes to home learning in maths

We are delighted that so many Year 9 students have embraced the revised home learning schedule and are really working well in their new option subjects.

The maths department are now going to make a few small changes for the way Year 9 home learning is delivered from the 22 June. Student's new teachers for Year 10 will start setting the work for maths and this will focus on preparing students for their GCSE course. This will also assist new teachers in getting to know students (albeit remotely) before the new school year starts. Students don't need to do anything different, just look at your maths work on Monday 22 June where the new teacher will introduce themselves and the GCSE course. If you have any queries or questions, please contact Mr Langley (Head of Maths) or message your new maths teacher via SMHW.

### Year 10 sessions

This week saw the start of the Year 10 1:1 meetings in school with tutors/other available staff. Every student has received their appointment and students should complete their questionnaire at least 24 hours before their meeting. Students can also bring in any completed paper-based assessments and drop them off when they book in. A reminder that students must go to the Hall to start with.

Year 10 teaching sessions start on Monday 22 and run for the last 4 weeks of term. Each student will receive their following week's timetabled sessions on Thursday via email. Students must only attend those sessions on their email – we have to be careful about managing the numbers of students in school. Many subjects are running multiple sessions, so if you have not been included in one subject session, you will be included at a later date.

Next week the following subjects are running face-to-face teaching sessions: Design & Technology, Food, Textiles, I-media, Music, PE (Cambridge National) and Science (Biology, Chemistry and Physics).

A reminder to Year 10 students and parents/carers that the deadline to return their option responses is Wednesday 24 June.

### Year 7-9 students

Another round of phone calls are being made home by tutors/other school staff over the next 3 weeks. A questionnaire has also been sent out to all about their home-learning experience.

The really good news is that on Monday the government has told schools that, in addition to Year 10, we are now allowed to meet students in other year groups in school for one face-to-face meeting before the end of term. You may remember that we wanted to conduct such meetings in our original re-opening plan, so over the next week or so we are going to take another look at this idea and consider how best to arrange them. We will let you know.

### Illness - Year 10 and Keyworker/Vulnerable Students

If your child becomes poorly with suspected COVID19 symptoms (new continuous cough, high temperature, or loss of taste /smell) please ring the school and let us know, even if your child was not expected at school that day.

### Year 11 Results Day

The Year 11 GCSE Results Day is Thursday 20 August, however arrangements for students to receive their results will be different this year. We will write out soon and let students know of the new arrangements, but it is likely that results will be emailed out rather than picked up in person. Senior staff and the careers team would be available on the day should students want to speak to them.

### Uniform and Lockers

We are planning to have a locker clear-out day. This will take place on Saturday 4th July. The school will be open between the hours of 10am and 3pm and each year group will be given a time slot (more details to follow shortly). This will also allow Year 11 students to collect their belongings, return their key and receive their deposit.

At the same time if you have any second-hand uniform(s), these can be dropped off. Please only bring items in a 'like new' condition, washed and placed in a sealed, plastic bag. The PTA will then hold a second hand uniform sale before the end of term (date to be confirmed) for those wishing to purchase items of clothes for September.

We understand buying school uniform and particularly shoes can be costly. If any family needs financial assistance, please contact the school.

### Coronavirus (Covid-19) – School Transport

As students begin returning to schools as the Government gradually eases the Covid-19 'lockdown', I wanted to let you have an update on face Coverings on Public Transport.

From Monday 15 June 2020 face coverings will be mandatory for passengers on all public transport in England. In Shropshire there are 400 pupils entitled to free transport issued with public bus (LBS) season tickets and they will need to wear face coverings on their bus from Monday. This new regulation does not include a requirement for the wearing of face coverings on dedicated contracted school buses on which most entitled pupils travel and where social distancing is already applied. Face coverings may not be appropriate for everyone and further details about this and other aspects of this Government guidance can be found at this link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/face-coverings-to-become-mandatory-on-public-transport>

I think that is it for now. As you can appreciate, there is a lot going on at the moment. Our priority is to try to ensure students return to us in September in the best frame of mind possible, and we are working hard to support all our students and their families.

All the best.