

FAQs

1. What tutor group will my child be in from September?

If your child is in Year 9 from September they have been sent their tutor group details and been invited to a Tutor Google Classroom.

For students who will be in Year 10 or 11, their tutor group remains the same. For example, if your child was in 9H they will be in 10H. The Letter will stay with them for Year 9 to 11.

2. Will the device for cashless payments be cleaned in between students?

The machine that registers biometrics will be cleaned regularly and students will be asked to sanitise their hands after every use to protect themselves from any potential transmission.

3. Will individual instrumental lessons be offered from September?

The Academy are busy liaising with all our instrumental teachers but it is unlikely that the full range of lessons will be offered. Instrumental teachers will be contacting families and detailing their offer, which may include out of hours lessons to be arranged privately.

4. Why are students having to share lockers?

Unfortunately, due to Year Group Bubbles and the positioning of lockers around the Academy it is not possible to assign an individual locker to every student within their safe, designated area and we do not want students moving around the blocks and crossing into other bubbles.

It is the decision of the parent and student as to whether they wish to have a locker or not. They are not compulsory and a number of students choose not to have them. We would never encourage students to store valuable possessions in lockers and will be asking that they share with one other student, who they are close to and trust.

If, as a parent, you do not wish for them to share, they may have to wait until the wider reopening of the Academy to select a locker.

5. Is there compulsory work to be completed over the Summer?

No student has been set compulsory work; however, subjects may have posted optional work on SMHW (Satchel One) should your child wish to continue with some learning over the Summer holiday in preparation for September. We continue to encourage every child to read for pleasure.

6. Where does my child go if they are late to the Academy or need collecting during the school day?

If students are late they should stand outside the Reception area. They will be invited to walk in to Reception and sign in. They will sanitise their hands and make their way to their classroom.

If collecting your child during the day, please stand outside Reception. You will be invited in to give details of your child and asked to wait outside once more whilst your child makes their way to Reception where they will sign out. We cannot release a child from the Academy unless you have made your way to our Reception area. Unfortunately, we cannot permit parents / carers to wait in our Reception.

7. Will my child be in the same sets and option classes as they were before the school closure?

Yes. Your child will have a full timetable and curriculum offer from September and will be in the same classes / sets. Each Year group has a designated number of rooms which will be used to deliver specialist teaching and students will move between these rooms as per their timetable which will be given to them on their first day of term.

8. Will my child on their PE day come in their PE kit?

At present, no. They will bring their kit into school along with their usual bag. Our timetable will be designed to allow students to safely use our changing facilities and meet the Government's cleaning expectations.

9. What is the mobile phone policy?

Students are allowed to bring mobile phones to school. These are to be used only during social times: break and lunch. They are not to be used during lesson changeover or during lessons. The Academy will be operating a "**See it, Hear it, Log it**" Policy. Which means if the phone is seen or heard during prohibited times your child will be set a lunch time detention.

10. Which day does each year group start the new academic year onsite?

Year 9, 10 & 11 = Monday 7th September

Year 12 = Wednesday 9th September

Year 13 = Tuesday 8th September