

July 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Year 7 Return to School – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022**

As we reach the end of what has been a more normal but still very challenging year for all of us, I am able to update you on our plans around returning to school in September.

Year 7 will be in school all day and will experience a range of activities including getting to know their form, literacy and numeracy lessons, an introduction to our reading programme and a tour of the school. All other students will have a staggered return to allow for Year 7 Transition and to ensure a smooth start for all.

**Year 7 Students should enter school via the Queens Drive entrance by 8.25. They will leave by this entrance at 3pm.** The Queens Drive entrance is immediately after Marlowe Drive which is itself just past the big petrol station on Queens Drive. Please note that we do not allow cars on site.

Head of Year: Mrs. Edwards  
Leadership Year Link: Mrs. McGorian  
SENCO: Miss Winter  
Designated Safeguarding Lead: Miss Murphy

**All students should attend school every day from Monday 5 September 2022 onwards**

**Mobile Phones, Headphones and Smart Watches**

We have changed our rules around mobile devices for all years this year as they have continued to cause conflict between staff and students due to their misuse. Therefore, from September, use of all such devices will be banned from the school site at all times as follows.

**Phones** – must be switched off and placed in bags as soon as students enter site. Any phone seen at any time during the school day will be confiscated.

**Headphones** – students must not wear headphones on site. If these are seen at any time on site they will be confiscated, **along with the phone they will be connected to.**

**Smart Watches** – are banned by examination boards, and we have decided to ban them as well to get the students into good habits. Again, any smart watch seen will be confiscated.

**Confiscation:** Any member of staff can confiscate any item seen. If the student follows instructions straight away, the device will be returned to them at the end of the day. If the student refuses and other staff must become involved, the device will be stored securely until a parent can collect. Serious defiance will result in further sanctions up to and including suspension.

**Uniform Policy**

Full details of our uniform can be found in the parent's section of our website at [www.hollylodge.liverpool.sch.uk](http://www.hollylodge.liverpool.sch.uk)

I would like to stress the following.

- All students should wear their blazer at all times.
- Outdoor jackets must be plain black and waterproof. Jackets of any other colour will be confiscated and returned at the end of the day. An outdoor jacket does not replace a blazer.

## Staffing Updates

We say goodbye to the following staff this year.

- Miss Callaghan (TA)
- Miss Cuthbert (Science)
- Mrs. Evans (Science)
- Miss Fahey (Art)
- Mrs. McColl (Year Leader)
- Mrs. Morley (English)
- Mrs. Rhodes (Senior Year Leader)
- Mrs. Sung (Science)
- Miss Woolley (MFL)

We thank them all for their service and wish them luck in the future.

We are delighted to welcome the following new staff and very much look forward to working with them.

- Miss Barch (TA)
- Mr. Cooke (Science)
- Mr. Fallon (English)
- Miss McCarthy (Science)
- Miss Morse (Humanities)
- Mrs. Murphy (Head of Year 10)

It was excellent to meet so many parents at our welcome evening earlier this month and this was followed by a wonderful Transition Day – our first since 2019. If your daughter is involved in our summer school, we hope she finds it enjoyable.

Please do look out for your link for ParentMail to join our school /home communication and to enable you to set up your child's catering account. This should be sent to you at the end of August/ 1<sup>st</sup> Sept. We strongly recommend that you download the free app for ease.

Holly Lodge continues to go from strength to strength and we look forward to your daughter being as successful with us as so many students have been in the past.

With very best wishes for a happy and healthy summer.

Yours sincerely



**Mr. A. Keen**  
**Headteacher**