

July 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 8 Return to School – Friday 2nd 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.

Return Dates

Students will have a staggered return on Friday 2nd September to allow for Year 7 Transition and to ensure a smooth start for all students from Monday 5th September onwards. The plan for Year 8 is shown below.

| FRIDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2022 | |
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| Break: (9.50 – 10.15) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Arrive in school using the Queens Drive entrance from 9.50 and go to the Upper Food Court, where food will be available. |
| Lesson 2: (10.15 – 11.15) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Assembly in Hall ○ Form time ○ Timetables ○ Rules reminders ○ Routines ○ Start reading Y8 novel |
| Lesson 3: (11.15 – 12.15) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Continue form time activities ○ Leave at 12.15 via either entrance |

Important Contacts:

Head of Year: Mrs. Schenk

Leadership Year Link: Miss Hitchings

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

The phone ban put in place this term will continue but has also been rolled out to all Years 7 to 10.

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

I would like to stress the following.

- All students should always wear their blazer.
- 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)

This year group settled well into school, especially considering the lack of transition available to them last year. Their grades and attitudes to learning have improved steadily throughout the year or maintained their previously high standards. We have also seen significant improvements in reading across the board as we continue to support the students in their Covid recovery.

Finally, on behalf of all the staff can I say how impressed we have been by the students and staff this year. At a time of continued disruption and uncertainty around so many aspects of life they have continually shown great character, resilience and maturity in dealing with what will hopefully be the once in a lifetime experience of a global pandemic.

With very best wishes for a happy and healthy summer.

Yours sincerely



Mr. A. Keen
Headteacher

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