

July 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 9 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 from Monday 5th September onwards.

Friday 2nd September	
Break: (9.50 – 10.15)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Arrive in school from 9.50 and enter through Mill Lane. ○ Meet in the Lower Food Court (food will be available)
Lesson 2: (10.15 – 11.15)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Form time ○ Timetables ○ Rules reminders ○ Routines ○ Start reading Y9 novel
Lesson 3: (11.15 – 12.15)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Assembly in Hall ○ Return to form time activities ○ Leave at 12.15 via either entrance

Head of Year: Mrs. Doolan

Leadership Year Link: Miss Winter

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

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 is a very important year for Year 9 – they will further consolidate their learning and will make their option choices towards the end of the year. This will be the first big decision they have had to take about what to study and will set them up for a successful set of courses in Year 10 and 11. As always, we will support them and you through the process.

Finally, on behalf of all the staff can I say how impressed we have been by the girls 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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