

16th July 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you and your family are all well.

From Tuesday 8th September, school will be fully open for all students. It has made me very happy to write that sentence!

We will be working in 3 separate bubbles - Key Stage 3 (Years 7 - 9), Key Stage 4 (Years 10 + 11) with Verity's Post-16 group; and the Post-16 group at the Guildhall.

All staff and students within these bubbles will be kept separate from each other throughout the day. Bubbles will have their own area of school - separate from other bubbles. The only shared spaces will be the outdoor area - which will be clearly zoned and the dining room, which will be accessed by individual classes, one at a time, for students to collect their dinner if they have ordered one from school. Dinners will be eaten in classrooms following collection. If students are bringing in their own packed lunch, this will also be eaten in their classroom.

THE KEY STAGE 3 BUBBLE -

- Students will start each day (Monday - Thursday) at 8.45am and finish at 2.30pm. On a Friday, they will start at 8.45am and finish at 2.00pm.
- If your child comes by taxis, these will be arranged for the new times.
- Students will stay with their pastoral staff and students and be taught in their own classroom.
- The only exception to this is when they are taught PE, Art, Music, Drama and some 'class interest' lessons (this is to allow the teachers their planning time). These lessons will be delivered by other teachers who are 'exclusive' to the Key Stage 3 bubble. The TAs in the class and the students in the class will remain constant.



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- Students will have access to a broad, balanced curriculum, but will not be having Food Tech or DT lessons during this time.
- Students will have weekly PE and Outdoor Education lessons. Your child needs to wear their PE kit/Outdoor Ed clothes on these days (teachers will be giving you timetables next week) - NOT their uniform please. Students are not permitted to change clothes at school during this time.
- 2 outside breaks will be scheduled during the day.
- Students will occupy the downstairs and upstairs Key Stage 3 areas plus the school hall.

THE KEY STAGE 4 PLUS VERITY'S CLASS BUBBLE

- Students will start each day (Monday - Thursday) at 9.15am and finish at 3.00pm. On a Friday they will start at 9.15am and finish at 2.30pm.
- If your child comes by taxis, these will be arranged for the new times.
- Students will be streamed for their English and Maths lessons. They will be taught in their pastoral group, in their pastoral classroom, for all other lessons.
- Students will still study for their qualifications in all core areas of learning - English, Maths, Science, Computing, PSHE, Citizenship, PE, Careers Education, Food Tech, outdoor learning/enterprise.
- They will study Options on a Friday. A huge thanks to you all for being flexible as choices have needed to be altered under this plan.
- Your child needs to wear their PE kit/Outdoor Ed clothes on the days they have these activities (teachers will be giving you timetables next week) - NOT their uniform please. Students are not permitted to change clothes at school during this time.
- 2 outside breaks will be scheduled during the day.
- Students will occupy the downstairs and upstairs Key Stage 4 areas.

RACHEL COOPER WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH STUDENTS BASED AT THE GUILDHALL WITH DETAILS OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR THIS BUBBLE.



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When drawing up this plan we have fully considered keeping all students and staff as safe as possible. We have followed Government guidance and will continue to revise our plans in the light of any new advice. The Governors and senior leaders want to keep this arrangement in place at least until Christmas. This will allow students to settle into their new routine and feel comfortable in school again.

We will continue to observe regular hand washing. This will be laid out clearly to all students. We will keep alert to social distancing rules. In bringing our school back together, it is vitally important we keep each other safe. Students must keep distancing rules in school. If they are breaking these rules, they will be sent home. Students will have their own space in their classroom, with their own equipment.

All students will face the front of the class. Wipes, hand sanitiser, masks and other PPE will be readily available in all classrooms. Staff and students do not have to wear a mask, gloves etc. but the option is there, with all equipment to hand, if they choose to do so.

We have worked in partnership brilliantly throughout this challenging time. I am really grateful for your support and know this will continue as we move into this next phase together.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact your child's pastoral team, Toni, Laura, Rachel or myself. We are here for you.

Thank you,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeff Howe'.

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