

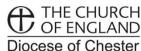
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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are well and are having a lovely Summer.

I am writing to you with the arrangements for the start of term as we need to test the students on their return to school. As you are aware the rules have changed form the 16th August regarding positive cases https://www.gov.uk/government/news/self-isolation-removed-for-double-jabbed-close-contacts-from-16august and those identified as close contacts (if double jabbed and are under 18) will no longer need to selfisolate. However, we will still have to test the students as they return to school and then 2 days later.

Therefore, please find attached a timetable of when the students will need to come in for testing.

We are due to start a new school day format this academic year. However, the Friday timings will not be in operation this week due to testing. The Friday timings for this week will follow the same format as the Monday to Thursday new school day. From Monday 6th September 2021 the new school day will be in full operation. Many thanks for your understanding. The 1st and 2nd of September 2021 are Week 1 for timetable purposes and Week 2 begins Monday 6th September 2021.

YEAR 7 AND 11

Year 7 and 11 will need to attend school on Wednesday 1st September 2021 from 1pm to do their LFD tests. Year 7 are timetabled slots (see attached timetable) but Year 11 can drop in any time, as they are used to doing these tests. Uniform will not be required when doing the tests. Please ensure your son/daughter brings the registration information sheet with them. Please follow this link to fill out the online consent form https://forms.office.com/r/d3LJ1GvW6Z. Students will be tested in the Old Gym. Students to come to the front of school where they will be directed where to go by key members of staff and student ambassadors. Testing will take place in the Old Gym and entry will be around the back of the school, past the Drama Studio.

Year 7 and Year 11 students will start school on Thursday 2nd September 2021 at 8.25am in full **school uniform.** Students will line up at the front of school where their Head of Year will be waiting. Year 7 will go straight to the Hall for an assembly with Mrs Scott-Herron and Year 11 will go straight to their Form Rooms. Year 11 will attend an assembly with Mrs Scott-Herron at 9.30am.

Lessons will begin for Year 7 and Year 11 after break at 11.05am and they will follow their timetable which they will be given. School will finish at 2.50pm.



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Friday 3rd September 2021 students attend school at 8.30am, line up outside the front of school where they will be directed to Form. Lessons will begin period 2 which is 9.50am (this week only). School will finish at 2.50pm (this week only).

Monday 6th September new school day begins, and this is Week 2.

Year 7 8.25am Year 11 8.10am

YEAR 8, 9 AND 10

Year 8, 9 and 10 students will attend on Thursday 2nd **September for testing only.** Please refer to the attached timetable. Uniform will not be required and students are to come to the front of school where they will be directed where to go by key members of staff and student ambassadors. Testing will take place in the Old Gym and entry will be around the back of the school, past the Drama Studio.

Year 8, 9 and 10 students will start school on Friday 3rd September at 8.25am in full school uniform and will follow the Monday to Thursday timings for this week only. They will line up at the front of school and then be directed to Form.

Students will then attend an assembly with Mrs Scott-Herron in the Hall at the following times.

Year 8 8.40am Year 9 9.05am Year 10 9.30am

Lessons will begin period 2 which is 9.50am (this week only). School will finish at 2.50pm (this week only)

The new school day is below for reference.

NEW SCHOOL DAY

	Monday - Thursday	Friday
Year 11 arrive at school	8.10	8.50 (later start as staff are in a CPD session)
Year 7-10 arrive at school	8.25	
P0 for Year 11	8.15-8.50	8.55-9.10
Form Period Year 7-10	8.30-8.50	8.55-9.10
Period 1	8.50-9.50	9.10-10.10
Period 2	9.50-10.50	10.10-11.10
Break	10.50-11.05	11.10-11.25
Period 3	11.05-12.05	11.25-12.25
Period 4	12.05-13.05	12.25-13.25
Lunch	13.05-13.50	13.25-14.00
Period 5	13.50-14.50	14.00-15.00

ALL STUDENTS

On Monday 6th September the new school day begins, and this is Week 2. Year 7-10 students start at 8.25am and Year 11 Students start at 8.10am and full uniform is required. Please check all the many correspondence regarding what is and what isn't acceptable in terms of uniform, which includes PE kit and jewellery. Piercings are not permitted and will have to be removed, a plaster covering the piercing is not acceptable. This is non-negotiable.

Please check the footwear arrangements and if you are unsure please check with us. Boots of any kind and shoes that cannot be polished are not allowed. Also, any shoe with a sports logo on will not be permitted, even if it can be polished. Please also check the equipment details. All students need a bag, a fully stocked pencil case, a scientific calculator (with their name on) and a reading book. All students will receive a Knowledge Organiser.

Any issues regarding uniform then please contact Mr Leonard (Assistant Headteacher Behaviour and Welfare) <u>ileonard@boteler.org.uk</u> and he will direct the queries to the appropriate Head of Year.

Please can I take this opportunity to thank you for all your support. It is a pleasure to work with you and I look forward to ensuring this is a more normal academic year for your child. However, if there are challenges ahead then we will overcome them with our faith, positivity and determination. Our students will always come first and they main our absolute priority. High Expectations, High Aspirations and High Standards – we will succeed.

Please enjoy the rest of the summer and take care. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Yours faithfully

Beverley Scott-Herron

Headteacher