

19th July 2021

Our Ref: JH/LSM

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Arrangements for the end of term, return to school, and devices

We are fast closing in on the end of this academic year and I felt it would be a good time to update you on a few key points.

End of term – July 2021

The school term ends at **12.00pm on Wednesday 21st July 2021**. This brings the curtain down on what has been an eventful year. To mark the end of the year we will be holding a non-uniform day. All money raised will be given to our charity of choice – Children’s Air Ambulance.

Start of term – September 2021

As you may be aware from media coverage of the recent government proposal, a full return to school for all students will commence in September 2021 outside of their ‘bubbles’. This means we will be returning to many of the old systems we had in place prior to the start of the pandemic. That said, we will be retaining a number of measures as they have proved to be highly effective.

The main system I would like parents of be aware of is our plan to continue using separate entrances/exits for each year group in September. The school is growing at a rapid rate and so I do not feel a move back to one school entrance would be safe or productive for our students, staff and the local community. Since that is the case, students will continue to enter and exit site through the entrances they have been designated this year. A refresher of this is outlined below:

- Year 7 Centenary Road (bike sheds)
- Year 8 Boothferry Road
- Year 9 Airmyn Road
- Year 10 Bartholomew Avenue
- Year 11 Centenary Road (visitor entrance)

Staggered start – September 2021

You will, no doubt, have seen that schools are required to complete an asymptomatic testing process to support the return to the new school year. This will take the form of rapid testing using Lateral Flow Devices to identify people who are infectious but do not have any Coronavirus symptoms. All students will have on-site tests, spaced a number of days apart to aid a smooth return to school.

A by-product of this process means that we will need to have a staggered return to school. Please see table below:

Date	AM – Testing (Timings TBC)	PM – Testing (Timings TBC)	Year group to return to school
Monday 6 th September	Year 7	Year 7	INSET (none)
Tuesday 7 th September	Year 11	Year 11	Year 7 Only
Wednesday 8 th September	Year 10	Year 9	Year 7 & 11 Only
Thursday 9 th September	Year 9	Year 8	Year 7, 10 & 11 Only
Friday 10 th September	Catch up day	Catch up day	All Years – Including Year 8 & 9

Second tests will follow in the second week of term. More details will follow on the specifics of the testing procedures shortly. We understand that this is not an ideal situation, however, we will do as much as we can to ensure that we provide students with a smooth return to learning.

As has often been the case recently, these changes come at short notice, but we continue to follow all Government guidance on COVID-19 in order to safeguard our students, staff and wider school community. If you have any questions, or require any support on any of the above, please contact us via email to info@gooleacademy.org.uk.

Device Return

During lockdown we have gone to great lengths to ensure that all students are able to access IT. We are now in the process of updating and refreshing equipment. If you have loaned a device (laptop, tablet) this must be returned to school before the end of term. We will obviously look to reallocate these where needed.

We hope you have a great summer. As ever, I would like to thank all parents and carers for their continued support during this year. I know I speak on behalf of all staff when I say we have been incredibly proud of how our students have managed with the various challenges they have faced. We look forward to seeing them all back in September.

Your sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Julian Harrison', written in a cursive style.

Julian Harrison
Principal