

28th May 2021

Dear Year 7 and 8 parents / carers,

Thank you for your engagement in our Year 7 parents' evening last night. Feedback has been extremely positive and I hope you found the opportunity to discuss your child's progress helpful and informative. We look forward to the Year 8 evening on Thursday 10th June.

We are delighted that the ongoing easing of government restrictions means that we are now in a position to be able to remove the staggered start to the day on Dove campus. This means that Year 7 will continue to arrive for 8:55am, as they have done all year. From Monday 8th June Year 8 will also arrive for an 8:55am start. Students should meet in their social spaces as usual, to be escorted into the building by their bubble leader at 8:55am. All other guidelines and measures will continue to remain in place, in line with advice received from both Staffordshire County Council and the Department for Education. Year 7 will continue to leave at 3:10pm and Year 8 at 3:20pm at the end of the day. The easing of restrictions has also allowed students to start to return to more practical activities in subjects such as Music, Drama, Science and IT. We look forward to this continuing over the remainder of the term.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support in upholding our uniform standards. We take great pride in our students' appearance. Our uniform requirements and expectations can be found at [www.deferrers.com/uniform](http://www.deferrers.com/uniform). In particular, I would ask for your support in ensuring all students wear shoes rather than trainers, that jewellery guidelines are followed, and that all students have a lanyard and card (which are available from reception). Please note that from September the green skirt that is currently being phased out will no longer be part of the academy uniform and students will be required to wear the black box pleated skirt, introduced last September, should they wish to wear a skirt.

Wherever possible, your child should continue LFD testing and report results twice a week, at home, throughout the May half-term holiday and take a test before returning to school. Kits have been distributed to all students. Please continue to report your test results. **Report a COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test result - GOV.UK ([www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk))** Or call: 119 free from a mobile or landline. Lines are open every day, 7am to 11pm. Support is offered in 200 languages as well as British Sign Language and Live Video Assistance. All results should be reported, even if your child's result is negative or void.

Looking ahead to the remainder of the year, your child's academic summary will be available in the sims parent app on Thursday 8th July. We are also currently planning transition activities for Year 8 who will be moving to Trent campus in September, Sports Day is planned for Friday 16th July, ahead of the end of term on Wednesday 21st July.

Finally, I wish you all a restful half term break and we look forward to seeing our students return on Monday 7th June.

Yours sincerely,

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