

Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing you to provide more detail on the arrangements for the Year 10 teaching sessions in school starting next week. The timetable for these sessions for the B side of Year 10 is as follows:

Date	Class	Cluster	Class teacher	Start time	Entrance	Line-up
18th June	En1	Ds/Mall	Mrs Holly	0900	Westgate	Drama Studio / Deval main entrance
18th June	En2	Penn	Mr Hayward/Mr Nash	1000	Penn	Sixth form entrance/ Penn stables
18th June	En3	Deval	Mr Blower	1000	Main	Deval side entrance / D09 & 10 entrance
18th June	En4	Penn	Ms Malt/Mrs Pakeman	0900	Penn	P02 outside door
25th June	Sc1	DS/Mall	Miss Houston/Mr Richardson	0900	Westgate	Drama Studio/Deval main entrance
25th June	Sc2	Penn	Mrs Langsi/Mr Richardson	1000	Penn	Sixth form entrance/ Penn stables
25th June	Sc3	Deval	Mrs Conley/Mrs Langsi	1000	Main	Deval side entrance / D09 & 10 entrance
25th June	Sc4	Penn	Miss Houston/Mrs Macalister	0900	Penn	P02 outside door
16th July	Ma 1	DS/Mall	Miss Vipond	0900	Westgate	Drama Studio
16th July	Ma 2	Penn	Miss Prior	1000	Penn	Sixth form entrance/ Penn Stables
16th July	Ma 3	Deval	Mr Burford/Miss Schoppler	1000	Main	Deval side entrance / D09 & 10 entrance
16th July	Ma 4	Penn	Mrs Stephens	0900	Penn	P02 outside door

The names of the teacher for each group are included in case your child is unsure of the teaching group that they are in for each subject.

These sessions will be available to view online so that students who are unable to attend school can watch the lessons from home. They will be recorded so that students can review the content at a later date. We will be using Microsoft Teams for this; separate instructions on how your child can access these sessions via Teams will be sent to you.

Teaching groups

Each student will be in their normal classes up to a maximum of 15 students. Each class will have a three hour lesson delivered by their class teacher and/or a subject specialist if the class needs to be split in half.

Structure of the day / Start and finish times

Students will stay with their group throughout. There will be a 20 minute break during each session, these will be staggered and taken outside the classroom away from other groups. While we are hopeful that the good weather will continue students need to be prepared for the weather conditions on the day that they are in school. The start times for each class are included in the timetable.

Dress code

Dress code for the sessions is non-uniform. We do, however, ask that students are dressed appropriately for a school environment.

Arrival

Students must arrive as close to their start time as possible. There are three different entry points to the school depending on the location of the classroom that the student is in. This will avoid groups of students congregating outside of school. On arrival at school students will be directed to their allocated classroom by a member of staff. We are only using classrooms that allow students to enter the room via an entrance distinct from other teaching rooms. There are markings on the ground outside of these rooms that should be used to facilitate social distancing while they are waiting for the lesson to start or after a break. These are yellow dots and students should stand on these while waiting to enter the classroom. The class teacher will allow students to enter one at a time to an allocated seat.

Teaching rooms

Each classroom will have the necessary number of desks at a two metre distance from each other. Teachers will have all the equipment and materials with which to teach but all unnecessary materials will be removed from the room to make it easier to clean at the end of each day. There will be a teacher zone at the front of the classroom enabling the teacher to stay two metres away from all students. Students must bring their own equipment and stationary with them as they will not be able to borrow this from staff or other students during the day. During the break, students will leave the classroom one by one, maintaining social distancing as they do so.

Toilets

Students in Penn will use the boys and girls toilets on the ground floor. Those in Deval and the Drama Studio / Malloy will use the toilets in the gym corridor. They must access these through the rear entrance. The facilities have been prepared with social distancing in mind and students must observe these arrangements when they use these facilities.

Food and water

We ask that students bring any refreshments (including water) they may need.

Departure

At the end of the lesson or when leaving for their break, students will need to leave school without congregating with others. If you are picking up your child, please park, in a safe place, on the road nearest to the entrance that your child will be leaving the school from. We should be able to avoid congestion given the relatively small numbers attending school.

Transport

We advise, wherever possible, that students should walk, cycle or travel by car.

Student well-being

We appreciate that the past few months have been a very challenging period of time. Many students will be excited, if not slightly nervous, by the prospect of returning to school for a few days and will manage these days well. There will, however, be others who will be daunted by the prospect. If students are feeling anxious in advance of coming in to school, we suggest they contact Mr Abood or Ms Lobbett in the first instance.

There will be pastoral support for students in school. Students will be able to access pastoral support from Mrs Henry (Pastoral Support Officer) after the teaching session has finished. Mrs Henry will be based in the sixth form centre in Penn house from 1200 until 1400. There is no booking system in place, therefore students will be seen when they arrive after their lesson and may have to wait if Mrs Henry is already with another student. Any student who wishes to speak with either Mrs Henry should wait in the sixth form common room observing social distancing rules.

Attendance

Each teacher will have a list of students expected in their session, if someone does not arrive, we will phone home. It is essential that if your child is scheduled to attend and if they cannot do so, for whatever reason, you contact the school to let us know. When students arrive their name will be checked against the list of those expected in school. We will not be able to admit a student who arrives who has not pre-registered for these sessions.

Medical arrangements

If students become unwell during the day, they will be directed to the School Office. If they are showing coronavirus symptoms they will be isolated in a separate part of the school and you will be asked to pick them up from the student entrance without delay. Once you have arrived at the school, you should call reception on 01225 423582; you should not enter the school.

Behaviour policy

We do not expect any issues with Year 10; however, with the limited time students have in school and the potential risk to safety, behaviour will need to be excellent at all times. Poor behaviour will result in the student being sent home and not being allowed to attend any further sessions for the rest of the academic year.

Health and Safety

We cannot make a promise of a completely risk-free environment but we have done all we can to ensure that any potential risk is minimised. We have drawn up a comprehensive risk assessment which is available on the school website in the policies section. Each classroom has a hand sanitising station which must be used when students enter the room. They will be reminded to do so by their class teacher.

Test and trace

Advice from BANES states that if a member of staff or student tests positive for Covid-19, all members of the teaching group must self-isolate as prescribed at the time by the NHS/Public Health England.

Under these circumstances we would expect contact to be made with you by the Public Health England test and trace team.

Face masks

Currently, Government guidance is that masks are not required but we will support your choice if you decide to send your child in a mask. If they are using public transport to travel to school they will need to wear a mask when doing so.

We will be posting videos on Show My Homework which will introduce students to the measures in place for their in-school sessions and demonstrate the procedures that they need to follow when they arrive at school.

This is the first step to a wider opening of the school for our students and I am very much looking forward to seeing our Year 10 and 12 students in school again.

Best wishes and stay safe

Yours faithfully

Steven Mackay