



# La Retraite

Roman Catholic 11-19 Girls' School

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Dear Parent / Guardian(s)

Thank you for joining us at the transition meetings. It was a great pleasure to meet you all. We expect school to open as normal in September, though there will be a few changes to minimise the risk of infection. The students will still have all of their subjects and virtually the same amount of teaching. The attached leaflet gives guidance on the changes that we are implementing and the expectations of the students.

### September opening

The key differences are that:

- After the first day, students will not register in their form groups in the morning and afternoon. They will register in their first and last lessons of the day
- Students will have an extended form time once a week. This will not be in their normal form group, but will be in their science set.
- There will be staggered times for starts, lunches and finishes to the day to minimise mixing of year groups
- Students will have most of their lessons in one classroom and the teachers will move to them.

The year 7 timetable will look like the one to the right →

The students will receive details about the subject rotas closer to the start of term. Apart from their first day, students should arrive no more than 15 minutes before the start of their day. Initially, Year 7 will have most of their lessons in the Main Building and the Language House.

The government may change their advice about school openings, in which case we will update you on any developments. You will receive an updated child's final timetable the week before term starts. This will also show the key classroom that will be their base for most of their lessons.

Year 7's first day will be on **Wednesday September 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Their induction will start at 8.30am. When you arrive with your daughter, could you please queue at visitor's reception, maintaining social distancing. The

Lesson start time	Year 7				
	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
08:35					
09:00					
09:25	Music, Drama, Art and PE rotation.	English and RE rotaion	RE, Geograp hy, Histrtory, Language rotation.	Science	Math, Science, Language rotation
09:50					
10:15					
10:40					
11:05					
11:30	Music, Drama, Art and PE rotation.	English and RE rotaion	RE, Geograp hy, Histrtory, Language rotation.	PSHE	Math, Science, Language rotation
11:55					
12:20					
12:45					
13:10					
13:35	Music, Drama, Art and PE rotation.	English and RE rotaion	RE, Geograp hy, Histrtory, Language rotation.	Math	Math, Science, Language rotation
14:00					
14:25					
14:50					
15:15					



induction day will finish at 2pm. Please arrive from 1:45pm to collect your child and you will be directed to the school orchard to wait for your daughter.

### **Future Lockdowns**

I hope that we never have to experience a lockdown again. If, however, there is one, the school is ready to implement a blended learning timetable immediately that will include live lessons for all year groups. Mrs Coyle and Ms Weekly have raised nearly £50,000 and that has enabled us to support families struggling to provide students with access to a device to connect to the internet. From September, all KS4 students will be given a Chrome book that they will also be able to use in lessons. We will be contacting Year 7 families in September to identify those who need support with this.

### **Sixth form**

There are a number of exciting developments in the Sixth Form:

September 2020:

- The newly refurbished Arnold Centre will re-open as the **Aya Centre** for the Sixth form, consisting of modern study centres for Year 12 and 13 and three new studios for learning with the most up to date technology
- The two new T levels start - Digital and Child Care
- All Sixth Form students will be given a Chrome book to support their learning

September 2022:

- We will be offering two more T Levels – Health (Midwifery) and Construction ( Design, Surveying & Planning)

Finally, I wish you all a peaceful and safe holiday and look forward to seeing you as soon as possible in the autumn term

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dominic Malins', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Dominic Malins  
Headteacher