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Dear Parent / Guardian(s)

Thank you for your great support during these challenging times. We have been impressed with how the young people have engaged with the online work and shown real resilience in the face of adversity. There will be a few changes in September to minimise the risk of infection, however, we are aiming for the return to school to be as normal as possible. The students will still have all of their subjects and virtually the same amount of teaching

September opening

The key differences are that:

- 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 9 timetable will look like the one to the right →

Lesson start time	Year 9				
	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
08:35					
09:00					
09:25	Math	RE, Geography, History, Language rotation.	Math, Science, language rotation.	Music, Drama, Art and PE rotation.	English and RE rotation.
09:50					
10:15					
10:40					
11:05	Math				
11:30					
11:55	PSHE	RE, Geography, History, Language rotation.	Math, Science, language rotation.	Music, Drama, Art and PE rotation.	English and RE rotation.
12:20					
12:45					
13:10					
13:35	Science	RE, Geography, History, Language rotation.	Math, Science, language rotation.	Music, Drama, Art and PE rotation.	English and RE rotation.
14:00					
14:25					
14:50					
15:15					

Year 9's first day will be on **Friday September 4th**. They should arrive at 9:10 to be in their classroom for a **9:25am prompt start**. Year 9 will be based predominantly in English classrooms. The students will receive details about the subject rotas closer to the start of term.

The government may change their advice about school openings, in which case we will update you on any developments. You will receive an update 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.

Summer holiday work

Whilst we will not be setting any new work over the summer holidays, students should use the opportunity to review the work they have completed in lock down and finish any outstanding work.

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. From September, all KS4 students will be given a Chrome book that they will also be able to use in lessons.

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)

Staff

We are very lucky to have an extremely strong staff and, as always, will have a full staff in September, with the students taught by subject specialists. A small number of staff are moving on to new roles and we wish them well for the future. Three members of staff have given many years of service and I wish to acknowledge their tremendous contributions to the school community:

- Ms Ungaro - 33 years service
- Mrs Asafo Agyei - 19 years service
- Mr Allan - 12 years service

Trinity Hospice

Congratulations to Mrs Avenell and Ms Laszki for raising £500 by making and selling face masks.

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



Dominic Malins
Headteacher