



8th July 2021

Dear Parent / Carer,

As we approach the end of the school year I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support throughout challenging times, which has enabled us to maintain a continuity of provision whilst switching between in-school and on-line learning, often at extremely short notice. We are very proud indeed of our students who have shown great resilience and maturity in adapting to frequently changing circumstances.

COVID

We are expecting more specific national operational guidance in September with regards to day-to-day school life. When that information arrives we will keep you informed. Current arrangements will continue for the immediate future.

Students should **not** be sent to school if they are displaying any of the following symptoms:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you have noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

Public Health Wales has now also confirmed a wider range of symptoms that are possibly related to Covid-19. The following link is the latest guidance as of 22nd June - <https://gov.wales/self-isolation>

Should it be the case that we have a partial or full closure of the school, we will continue the curriculum remotely through our blended learning programme. We will communicate any such closure to you as soon as we are able, and use the school email, website and social media systems to do so.

Timing of the school day

School doors open at 8.40am. All year groups have their own designated entrance. If a student arrives after 9.15am they should then enter through the main school entrance to sign in.			
Registration	08:50	09:15-18	
Lesson 1	09:15-18	10:15-18	
Lesson 2	10:21	11:32-37	Including 15 minute break
Lesson 3	11:36-39	12:39-42	
Lesson 4	12:42	14:12	Including 30 minute lunch
Lesson 5	14:12-15	15:12-15	

Uniform / P.E. Kit

Students should wear full uniform for school. See links below

Page 30 and 31 of the School Prospectus - [School uniform expectations](#)

Please note - this link is for the School Prospectus 2020/21. Our 2021/22 Prospectus will be available from October 2021.

A short video on general uniform expectations - [Uniform](#)

A short video on footwear expectations - [Footwear](#)

During the Summer term some allowances were made due to the COVID situation and the requirement for students to wear PE kit due to building work. However, at the start of the new term the uniform will return to its previous consistently high standards.

P.E. lessons will hopefully return to normal. Changing rooms will be cleaned after each use. Students will be required to bring their school P.E. kit for scheduled lessons.

Transport

Buses will operate as normal from the 3rd September. School bus passes are normally valid for the duration of school years from Year 7 through to Year 11. Flintshire Sixth Form students and Year 7 should have applied for their bus pass through the appropriate school transport links.

<https://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/Resident/Schools/School-Transport-Application.aspx>

Term Dates 2021-22

Wednesday 1st September & Thursday 2nd September – Staff Inset Training Days

Friday 3rd September – Transition Day **for students in Year 7 and Year 12 only**

Monday 6th September – First day of Autumn term for all students

Friday 22nd October - Last day of half term for students

Monday 1st November - First day of half term for students

Wednesday 22nd December - Last day of Autumn term

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Thursday 6th January - First day of Spring term for students

Friday 18th February - Last day of half term for students

Monday 28th February - First day of half term for students

Friday 8th April - Last day of Spring term for students

Tuesday 26th April - First day of Summer term for students

Friday 27th May - Last day of half term for students

Monday 6th June - First day of half term for students

Friday 15th July - Last day of Summer term for students

The school website now shows the planned calendar of events for the next academic year. However, it is important to remember that even planned and scheduled events could unfortunately be subject to change at extremely short notice, especially in the current climate.

'Exam' Results Days (final confirmation of Centre Determined Grades)

This year it will not be necessary for students to come to school on these days, unless they require assistance.

A and AS level results day is 10th August. Results will be sent via student email addresses. School will be open from 8.30am to 11.30am. Staff will be available to help with any queries.

GCSE results day is 12th August. Results will be sent via student email addresses. School will be open from 8.30am to 11.30am. Staff will be available to help with any queries.

New Build

Our new build and astro turf pitch should be ready to open to all students at the start of the Autumn term. However, other building and demolition work will continue on site until mid-November. We will keep you updated via the School Blog, published online on Fridays.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a safe, enjoyable and restful summer holiday,

Mr C. Ellis (Headteacher)