



10<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

## Re: Return to School in September Year 10

Information Evening online – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July at 5.00pm. Please join by using the link [here](#)

We are very much looking forward to welcoming students back to school in September. To reassure all parents/carers we will hold a short briefing online on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July at 5.00pm. Year 9 have made outstanding progress this year. Their commitment and engagement in online learning has been excellent. I am very proud of their determination and resourcefulness.

We would also very much like you to join us online next Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm for our workshop on emotional well-being and return to school. It specifically addresses any anxiety issues students may have.

We have been planning arrangements following Government Guidelines and as of 10<sup>th</sup> July 2020 they are as follows.

### 1. First Day and until the end of the Autumn Term

Date:	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2020
Time of arrival:	8:35am
Entrance:	Dorothy Kazel
Teaching Area:	Brescia Block
Break:	10:30am (Old Gym)
Lunch:	12.00-12.45pm Old Gym
End of school day:	3.00pm Exit through Dorothy Kazel

### 2. Team

Senior Leader:	Eoin Kelly, Associate Headteacher
Head of Year:	Ms Donohue
Pastoral Support Assistant:	Mrs Andrews
Designated Safeguarding Lead:	Mrs Harrison
Emotional Well-Being Lead:	Mrs Donaldson

### 3. Transport

Crescent Road and The Downs will be closed to traffic at drop-off and pick-up times. Students will need to walk to their nearest train tram or tube station. Access to buses will need to be from a transport hub e.g. Raynes Park or Wimbledon.

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Should students wish to ride bicycles there are racks for students to use.

Students travelling on public transport must wear a mask and dispose of them on entering the school into the disposable bags provided.

If students can walk we strongly encourage them to do so.

#### **4. Times of School Day**

We are changing the times of registration and Period 1 and 2 to accommodate an extended registration from 10 to 20 minutes. We have extended our PSHEC curriculum into registration for the Autumn term to give time for our Well-Being Curriculum to be delivered until Christmas.

#### **5. Remote Learning**

All students will continue with Microsoft Teams and its applications Assignments and One Note until Christmas when we will formally review its impact.

We want to ensure should there be another lock down students and staff can have a seamless transition to remote learning.

#### **6. Equipment**

All students will need to bring their tablets charged to school every day. There will be limited access to charging points. There will be no lockers available for students.

#### **7. Uniform / Behaviour**

Full school uniform is expected on return to school. Any concerns please let us know so they can be resolved. There is an additional behaviour code of conduct to reflect the Health and Safety demands including following the one-way system and maintaining social distance.

#### **8. Year Hubs**

Each Year group will be based in a distinct area of the school to facilitate creation of 7 bubbles. There will be limited opportunity to work in specialist rooms in the Autumn Term. Year 10 will be based in Brescia classrooms.

#### **9. Sick Student**

If your daughter is sick or shows symptoms of Covid-19 you will be contacted to collect her. Students will be isolated in Student Services.

#### **10. Extra-Curricular**

Our programme will be released on return in September. This will include online opportunities.

#### **11. Attendance and Punctuality**

Attendance has been very high during lockdown. We want to continue students' high levels of engagement. If you have any concerns about your daughter returning to school please contact Ms Donohue, her Head of Year @ [Rachel.Donohue@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk](mailto:Rachel.Donohue@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk)

I want to assure both students and parents that the provision we have in place follows Government Guidelines to keep us all safe and well.

Thank you to all parents for the support they have given their daughter and the school during the lockdown.

I look forward to welcoming back Year 10 in September.

Yours sincerely

*Julia Waters*

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Headteacher

