

Thursday 15 July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very productive summer term at Haverstock with our students maintaining much higher attendance than has been seen nationally and more of our students now able to participate in trips and co-curricular activities. We are hugely grateful for your support during these difficult times and we hope that your child has enjoyed the last year at Haverstock, despite the frustrations that the pandemic has caused. We are certainly very proud of the resilience, diligence and humility that they have demonstrated.

As we near the end of term, I'm writing with the arrangements for the end of term and the start of the new academic year in September. After a long period of severe disruption to education, we're pleased that schools have been asked to return to an almost pre-pandemic programme alongside the maintenance of other controls to support the health and safety of us all.

End of term

Friday 23 July is the last day of term and is a half day for all students. Students will be dismissed at the times below:

Year 12: 11:00

Year 7 & 8: 11:50

Year 9 & 10: 12:10

We are teaching the curriculum up to and including the last day of term so it is imperative, particularly given all of the time that has been lost as a result of the pandemic, that students continue to maintain 100% attendance until the end of the school year.

The Summer Break

Schools will not be required to contact trace from the start of the school holiday on 23 July. If your child tests positive for COVID-19, NHS track and trace will get in touch with you and manage the process.

Alongside our summer school for Year 6 students and selected Year 10 students, Camden is providing a range of free summer [activities](#) for young people for children who are eligible for free school meals. If your child is eligible, you will have already received a personally addressed via us with more information.

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New COVID secure guidance

The key points from the COVID secure guidance from September are below.

1. All students are required to attend school full time, including those who are clinically vulnerable / clinically extremely vulnerable.
2. Year group bubbles are no longer required but schools need to have provision to re-institute them if necessary. Our split lunch means that we are able to do this at short notice and we will keep year groups apart during break and lunchtimes.
3. Face coverings will not be required anywhere in the school **from 19 July**. Students may wear them if they wish, however. We will review this decision at the end of September.
4. Co-curricular activities and trips can resume. Whilst there are some limits on group size, we are pleased to be able to offer a comprehensive lunchtime and after school programme from September.
5. Students under the age of 18 years and 4 months and older students who are fully vaccinated will no longer be required to self isolate if identified as a close contact of confirmed positive COVID 19 case at school but must take a PCR test instead. All students will continue to need to isolate if they or a member of their household has symptoms. The NHS will take over all 'Track and Trace' responsibilities from the end of term and we will continue to offer remote learning for those who are told to self-isolate.

To enable this relaxation of restrictions, schools are required to maintain a system of controls to prevent the spread of the virus. This includes:

1. Carrying out two on site lateral flow tests upon students' return to school. As before, these tests require parental consent from those in Years 7-11. We will write with more details on the testing process next week.
2. After these two initial lateral flow tests, parents should ensure that twice weekly lateral flowing testing takes place in the home, as is the case now. The DFE will review this policy at the end of September.
3. The school will maintain an enhanced cleaning regime, including twice daily cleaning of frequently touched surfaces.
4. Students are required to wash their hands regularly. We will continue with supervised handwashing at the start of the school day and provide hand sanitizer in every room for students to use as they enter/exit.
5. Rooms must remain well ventilated, with the exception that this must not prevent the room from remaining at a comfortable temperature.

Parents will be able to view a detailed updated risk assessment on the school website before the start of term. We are still, of course, in unknown territory in terms of how the reopening of society will impact the virus. These measures are, therefore, subject to change should the government guidance be adapted over the summer.



Arrangements for the start of term

Wednesday 1 September - INSET day. No students on site.

Thursday 2 September - Lateral Flow Test Day for Years 7-11. Students attend for the first of two Lateral Flow Tests. You will receive further information next week.

Friday 3 September - Year 7 Transition Day and Lateral Flow Test Day for Year 13. Year 7 parents will be contacted separately with further details.

Monday 6 September - Getting Ready Day for students in Years 7-11 only according to the timetable below (Tuesday 7th September for Year 13 at 8.45am). The second Lateral Flow test will take place on this day. Students should arrive at the Crogsland ROAd entrance.

Year Group	Arrival Time	Departure Time
7	10.00	1.00
8	9.00	10.30
9	9.30	10.45
10	9.45	11.05
11	11.30	12.45
12	Further information to follow in an additional letter from Miss Metselaar	
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Tuesday 7 September onwards - full timetable for all students (not Year 12).



The School Day

The timings of the school day from September are as follows:

Year	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Arrival	8.30			8.40			
Break	11.00- 11.15						
Lunch	13.10 - 14.05	13.10 - 14.05	12.15 - 13.10	12.15 - 13.10	12.15 - 13.10	13.10 - 14.05	13.10 - 14.05
Dismissal (Mon-Thu)	15.05						
Dismissal (Friday only)	13.10						

Uniform

Parents are reminded that full school [uniform](#) is compulsory from the start of the academic year. This includes the Haverstock PE kit which can be worn instead of uniform on days that your child has their PE lessons. We will provide pupils with a long sleeved t-shirt to match the colour of their year group which must be worn in addition to the PE shirt. Please can I remind you that PE kit must comply with the uniform guidelines and **we do not allow any logos**.

Summer holidays

It's essential that you are mindful of the changing travel guidance around quarantine, etc., ensuring that your child is ready to return to school on their first day. I do hope that you are able to fulfill your summer plans, whatever they may be and I wish you and your family an enjoyable and relaxing summer break.

Please get in touch via office@haverstock.camden.sch.uk if you have any concerns or questions.

Yours faithfully,



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SCHOOL TERM DATES 2021-2022

Autumn Term 2021

Wed 1 September	– INSET Day (teacher training, no school for students)
Fri 3 September	– Year 7 Getting ready day
Mon 6 September	– Students return to school
Mon – Fri 25 – 29 October	– Half term
Fri 17 December	– End of term

Spring Term 2022

Tues 4 January	– Students return to school
Mon – Fri 14 – 18 February	– Half term
Fri 1 Apr	– End of term

Summer Term 2022

Tues 19 April	– Students return to school
Mon 2 May	– Bank holiday, School closed
Mon – Fri 30 May – 3 June	– Half term
Fri 22 July	– End of term

Public Holidays

- Christmas Day - Saturday 25 December 2021 (Monday 27 substitute day)
- Boxing Day - Sunday 26 December 2021 (Tuesday 28 substitute day)
- New Year's Day - Saturday 1 January 2022 (Monday 3 substitute day)
- Good Friday - Friday 15 April 2022
- Easter Monday - Monday 18 April 2022
- May Day Bank Holiday - Monday 2 May 2022
- Spring Bank Holiday - Thursday 2 June 2022 (date changed to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee)
- Jubilee Bank Holiday - Friday 3 June 2022 (additional bank holiday for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee)
- August Bank Holiday - Monday 29 August 2022

