



LYDIARD PARK ACADEMY

23rd October 2020

Dear Parent / Carer,

As I reflect on this half term I cannot help but admire our pupils' resilience as they have taken to the restrictions and school life 'in a bubble' so well. Teachers have commented on how focused the KS4 pupils have been and the Year 7 pupils have settled in extremely well and are enjoying being part of Lydiard Park Academy. I would like to thank all of the teachers who have adapted to the changes in their working routine and as a result have been clocking up the miles walking from teaching room to teaching room. The school has implemented a recovery curriculum for each year group and I am thankful that we have only had to send one group of pupils home to self-isolate so far.

I would like to remind you of the timings for the year groups at the start of the half term as per Mr Coulson's letter earlier this week:

Please note the time that your child should arrive at school from Monday 2nd November 2020. It is important that they arrive within this ten-minute window.

Year 7	Arrive between 8.20am and 8.30am
Year 8	Arrive between 8.30am and 8.40am
Year 9	Arrive between 8.40am and 8.50am
Year 10	Arrive between 8.50am and 9.00am
Year 11	Arrive between 8.20am and 8.30am
Year 12 and 13	Arrive between 8.30am and 8.40am

Where two year groups arrive at the same time (e.g. Year 7 and Year 11), they should enter through the gates on different sides of the road, and then go straight to their venues. We will explain this to pupils clearly, so there is no chance of them getting it wrong!

If a child arrives later than their time slot then they will be recorded as late to school and will receive a 45-minute detention. Pupils who have special permission to arrive early (e.g. those who arrive on the school bus), should remain in their social venue before school, as they have been doing.

The biggest change is for Year 11, who must arrive at school by 8.30am. This will enable them to have tutor time in the morning, which is vital as they prepare for future pathways, and develop their revision skills.

The timings at the end of the day will not change:

Year 7 – 2.30pm
Year 8 – 2.40pm
Year 9 – 2.50pm
Year 10 – 3.00pm
Year 11 – 3.10pm
Year 12 & 13 – 3.00pm

Some of the key dates for the next half term are Wednesday 18th November which is our first Consultation Day. The appointments this year will be held virtually and more information will be sent to parents after half term about how this will work. The 19th and 20th of November are INSET days and this also sees the start of the Mock examinations for Year 11.



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I hope everyone gets some well-deserved down time during half term. This is a video link to my video message https://youtu.be/C7v_Ej64-t8

Kind regards

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Principal



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