

## FAQ: Y10 Reopening

*Please find below a response to the FAQ related to the reopening of school for Y10 students. The information here is accurate at the time it has been written and we will aim to amend and edit, as and if our position changes.*

*We will add an extra section for those questions we have received which are unrelated to the reopening of school for Y10.*

### **When will y10 pupils be allowed to return to school?**

School will be opening for y10 pupils on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June with an induction tutorial. These sessions will be in groups of approximately 4 students and last a maximum of 1 hour 30 minutes.

From Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June students will be able to attend school once a week, to receive input around English, Maths and Science.

### **Do year 10 pupils have to come to school?**

No. Whilst we encourage all y10 pupils to attend, we know that this will not be possible for all students based upon their personal circumstances.

### **What will the day look like?**

From Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June , pupils will be in ONE day a week from 9.15am-1.45pm and will work in the same group of between 7 and 9 pupils across all their subjects. They will stay in a fixed venue.

They will have four 1 hour sessions - Maths, English, Science and an enrichment lesson which will all be delivered by specialist teachers. Lunch and breaks will be built into this time, however there will be no opportunity for students to mix beyond the class groups.

### **How will students be grouped?**

Students will be placed in mixed ability groups broadly by the area they live to support social distancing whilst travelling to and from school.

### **Where will I sit?**

Pupils will be allocated a desk which they will use for all their lessons. All desks will be cleaned after each day.

### **What about other subjects?**

Due to government guidelines, we are currently unable to provide face to face time in other subjects. But this may change and we will keep you informed.

### **On the days I am in school, will I be expected to complete the on -line work set for that day?**

You will only be expected to complete the work given to you in class whilst in school. Work set on line, may be completed at a later date if you have the capacity to do so.

During the day you are in school you will only be expected to complete the work set in class.

Beyond the tutorial slot, students are in for a maximum of 4 times, between now and breaking for summer.

### **What are the lunch time arrangements?**

Pupils are required to bring their own packed lunch and drink.

### **Do student have to wear their school uniform?**

Yes, however they are not required to wear their blazer or tie.

### **Will students be allowed to wear a coat?**

You may wear a coat if the weather is poor and this should be taken off and placed on the back of your chair. If you go to the toilet, it must remain on your chair.

If you prefer to wear your blazer in place of an outside coat, the same rules apply.

### **Do I have to wear shoes?**

No. We recognise that walking to school in school shoes may be an issue, likewise the time in school does not warrant the purchase of new shoes. Trainers may be worn as an alternative.

Flip flops, sandals, wellingtons or anything with a heel are unsuitable.

### **Will I be allowed to bring a bag into school?**

Yes, students will be allowed to bring a small bag into school in order to store personal items and school equipment. Pupils will be expected to bring their own stationery and it should not be shared. This should be stored under your desk.

### **What are the toilet arrangements?**

The toilets will be open as usual and cleaned thoroughly throughout the day. Pupils will follow normal school procedure in asking their teacher if they can go to the toilet. They must follow the one-way system to the toilet and follow normal social distancing.

### **Will I be allowed to bring my phone into school?**

Yes, you will be allowed to bring your phone into school but as normal, it must be away and out of sight whilst you are in the school building. If you need to use your phone for any reason, you should seek the permission of your teacher.

As we will not be confiscating phones in response to any misuse, the misuse of a mobile phone will be treated seriously and you may be asked to work from home.

### **Are there sufficient hand sanitising stations around school?**

Yes. We have placed hand sanitisers around the school including all entry points and outside/inside all classrooms being used. We have invested in mobile wash stations on entry. Each classroom will have their own supply of hand sanitiser and tissues. Bins (double bagged) are available in each classroom.

Pupils will be reminded to regularly sanitise throughout the day.

### **UPDATED : 10/06/2020**

### **Why are students in mixed ability groups by the area in which they live?**

In the DfE Guidance "***Guidance for secondary school provision from 15 June 2020: Updated 4 June 2020***"

The following guidance is given:

*"Minimising risks outside of school*

*Secondary schools should consider how pupils travel to and from school. Pupils should be encouraged to walk or cycle where possible. In preparing for wider opening, secondary schools should carefully consider:*

- *how many pupils in year 10 and year 12 will be travelling at the same time*
- *how those pupils are likely to travel*
- ***the likelihood of pupils mixing with each other and coming into contact with other people on the journey to and from school***
- *...minimising contact and mixing, as far as possible, by keeping pupils in small groups for face-to-face support and keeping those groups as **consistent as possible whilst in school (e.g. for arrival, lunchtime, breaks and departure) and altering the school environment (e.g. changing classroom layouts so desks are further apart or dividing groups into different classrooms)***

Due to the complexity of arranging a timetable during this period and ensuring that all the necessary safe guarding arrangements are put into place to bring pupils back into school safely, it has not been possible to group pupils in their normal ability sets or indeed with their normal classes.

The vast majority of subjects are taught in mixed ability sets very successfully and there is no evidence that setting students by ability has a positive effect on progress, despite what our instinct may suggest.

Grouping by postcode allows us to managed better students entry onto site and the numbers of students travelling together, i.e. we will only have 25% of students travelling at anyone time from a particular area.

### **Can students be placed in a group with their friends?**

Given the parameters we are required to work in, this is not possible to organise fairly and consistently.

Unfortunately, the face to face sessions are not a solution to the lack of social engagement students have experienced. Instead we would encourage students to take up the Bridgewater Talks On Enrichment offer which goes live on Zoom week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> June.

Next week we will also be able to write to you to explain our planned used of Microsoft Teams moving forward.

### **How will a high level of hygiene be maintained in the toilets?**

The new toilet block normally caters for 600 students on site and will now be use by a maximum 75 each day.

We have cleaning staff employed now during the day (instead of just before and after school) who will clean toilets at a much higher frequency.

Whilst we will not be 'escorting' students to and from the toilets, we have mechanisms in place to manage the numbers of students on the corridors and using the toilets. This will inform the frequency of cleaning.

As per DfE Guidance we have an expectation that students wash their hands frequently.