



Kirkby High School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are approaching the end of another extremely busy academic year and despite the circumstances that we have experienced related to the pandemic, we have many aspects of school life that we need to celebrate. The resilience demonstrated by most of our students is to be commended, the commitment shown by staff is admirable and the support received from parents and carers is appreciated. I acknowledge that since the full reopening of school on the 11th March, there has been some disruption to school life. This was due to national rules around self-isolation; however, I am proud that we continued to keep any risk to your child to a minimum and prioritised health and safety throughout. Students who attended school, when they could, and engaged with remote learning when necessary have made massive strides in their learning and we are committed to continuing on the path to filling any gaps that may have occurred as a result of factors that were beyond our control.

Year 11 Results Day

I hope that our outgoing Year 11s enjoyed the celebrations we managed to put in place just before they finished school. They certainly deserved some fun after all their hard work as they prepared for the many assessments that contributed towards the teacher assessed grades. Samples of their work and the grades awarded have now been sent away to exam boards for moderation and we look forward to hosting a GCSE results day on Thursday 12th August.

September Opening 2021

As I write, guidance from the Government (DfE) states:

*'As part of Step 4, expected to take place on 19 July, 'bubbles' will end for all children under 18, social distancing will no longer be necessary, and schools will not need to stagger start and finish times'.
'Two onsite tests should be taken by each secondary school and college student on return, followed by twice weekly testing at home. The Government will review testing requirements by the end of September'*

Taking the above announcements into account, we are slightly adapting the return to school from the version that has been shared on our website to allow Year 7s to settle in and Covid-19 testing to occur.

Remember, your children will only be tested for Covid-19 if we receive your consent.

Please see below for September 2021 return dates:

Wednesday 1st September	Staff Training Day	All Staff
Thursday 2nd September	Year 7 Induction Day	Year 7 ONLY
Friday 3rd September	Year 7 on Timetable	Year 7 ONLY
Monday 6th September	All Years return to school	Years 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11

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Monday 6th September

All students in all year groups are expected to return to school. 'Don't be late, be here for 8.38'. Buses will resume their normal service.

Uniform expectations

At Kirkby High School, we believe strongly that wearing our school uniform well and with pride contributes to the calm learning environment we all want for our children. In September we will reinforce our high standards of uniform.

Students will wear full school uniform every day and will change for PE using our changing facilities in school. This means that under no circumstances can a student attend school wearing trainers. We will not be flexible on this. Please see the table below and share this crucial information with your child. We appreciate your support with this.

Uniform rules that will be enforced from the start of the next academic year are:

<u>We expect the following:</u>	<u>Please note the following:</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Black blazer with badge• Grey trousers / Grey skirt or slip worn to <u>knee length or longer</u>• White shirt / White blouse• School tie (<i>must be tied at a sufficient length that shows the school badge</i>)• Grey school badged cardigan or school badged V neck jumper• Plain black socks• Black flat leather style shoes• A sensible bag large enough to carry A4 file	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No trainers• No extreme hairstyles• No coats worn inside the building• No handbags• No false/polished nails• No false eyelashes• No jewellery worn (except a wristwatch)• No smart watches

Mobile phones are not allowed to be seen or used in school. If a student has a mobile phone, it must be switched off and out of sight at all times. Phones that are seen will be confiscated and stored safely and only returned when a parent/carer collects it from school.

Earrings, nose rings etc are not allowed in school. Any jewellery seen will be confiscated and stored safely and only returned when a parent/carer collects them from school.

All the information regarding uniform, jewellery and makeup can be found on the parents' section of the school website and I would encourage you to refer to this. <http://kirkbyhighschool.net/for-parents/school-uniform>

Important Message

I sincerely hope that you and your families enjoy the next few weeks and that our students take advantage of the break they will have from school. It is important that everyone returns with a fresh mind in September ready to learn and to achieve. I ask that you look closely at your child's attendance and punctuality record in the enclosed progress report. It is important that you discuss this with them and that they understand the importance of attending school and arriving on time. There will be further communication about this in the autumn term.

Final Day of Term

School closes for summer at 12.15pm on Tuesday 20th July. As a celebration, **ALL** students are invited to attend school in non-uniform on the last day.

Kind regards (stay safe and well)



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