



DRIFFIELD  
SCHOOL  
& SIXTH FORM

# Parent & Carer Bulletin

Thursday 24 September 2020

Thank you all for your support and feedback over our first few weeks back, especially when it comes to our revised routines in school and the staggered start/end times. We've worked hard as a school community over the past week to adapt to our new social distancing measures, including one-way systems, staggered breaks/lunches, revised classroom layouts and hand sanitisation routines.

To support students who may be self-isolating, we've also gone through the Microsoft Teams platform with all students. That video guide can be found [at this link](#), or on the main school website. Where students are off, they are able to login and follow their timetable from home, with live lessons where the whole class is off and lesson resources supplied where this is not the case (apart from practical subjects, like P.E., where remote work isn't set). Students can log into Teams using their school email/password through the Microsoft Teams app (on a phone/tablet/computer) or through a web browser. This will then give them access to resources to catch-up on missed lessons, or to check their homework tasks. If absent students have issues logging on at home, they can contact the school office for support.

## Full School Information

- Update letters from the CEO and Executive Principal were sent on [16 September](#) and [3 September](#).
- [Key information](#) for the wider reopening of schools was shared at the end of August, including frequently asked questions and details of the new school day.  
A quick [guide](#) to the daily timings has been shared with all students.
- [Information](#) from Public Health England on how we can work together to make sure we can continue to give children the best education in the safest way possible has been shared.
- Stay at home [guidance](#) for households with a possible or confirmed coronavirus infection has been shared in line with information from Public Health England.
- Guidance was provided on our approach to face coverings in school on [11 September](#) and [14 September](#).
- We continue to place a high priority on the mental health of everyone involved in school life. Support for children's emotional wellbeing with the return to school has been shared, with [helpful resources](#) from the Hull and East Riding Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service.
- Updated [guidance](#) from the East Riding of Yorkshire Council in relation to home to school transport has been circulated prior to the start of term.
- For health and safety reasons in Drama and Dance studio spaces, we have asked students to bring with them clean, dry indoor trainers for these areas.

- If you have changed your contact details this term, please can you contact the school as soon as possible with your updated details by emailing [office@driffieldschool.org.uk](mailto:office@driffieldschool.org.uk) or telephoning on 01377 253631.

## Year 12 Information

- We have been delighted to enrol Year 12 students to be members of our Sixth Form and look forward to working with them for the next two years. Orientation [details](#) have been shared by Mr Andrews.
- We have provided you with details of the deadlines should your child wish to take any of the GCSE exams that they were unable to do during the last school. There will be no cost for these exams and we have provided [details](#) of the deadlines to do this.

## Year 11 Information

- We have shared [Information](#) to update you on the Year 11 science curriculum from Mrs Backhouse, Director of Science.

## Year 7 to Year 10 Information

- School [photographs](#) have been taken of all our Year 7 and 10 students and these are available for you to purchase from the School Photography Company. Your child will have been issued with a card with their unique QR code when the photograph was taken and this enables you to [access](#) the photographs and place an order if you wish to do so.
- For our Year 7 students, [frequently asked questions](#) have been shared with parents and carers to support the transition, together with details of your child's Head of House and Form Tutor.
- Students taking Food and Nutrition lessons this term have been sent [details](#) of the arrangements for ingredients needed to prepare, cook and serve a variety of dishes.

## Other Useful Information

To access our website:

[driffieldschool.net](http://driffieldschool.net)

To purchase school items, including revision guides:

[shop.driffieldschool.net](http://shop.driffieldschool.net)

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- If you need a copy of your ParentPay activation code, please contact [finance@driffieldschool.org.uk](mailto:finance@driffieldschool.org.uk)
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