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# NORLINGTON SCHOOL and 6<sup>TH</sup> FORM

A SPECIALIST MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTING SCHOOL

May 2021

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## Please note contents of letter:

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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you and yours are well at this time.

### COVID update

It is very pleasing to see so many people be vaccinated and the end of the pandemic in sight. While students have not had to wear masks since the May 17<sup>th</sup>, we remain zoned around the building with limited interactions between year groups. We are hopeful that there will be further updates on the 21<sup>st</sup> June that will allow a more normal school experience.

While the number of COVID cases has dropped massively, Lateral Flow Testing kits are still being distributed to students on a bi-weekly basis. I would remind parents/carers that NHS Test and Trace reintroduced confirmatory PCR testing for positive LFD tests conducted at all assisted testing sites, including schools and colleges. This means that all staff, pupils and students who get a positive LFD test, whether at home or supervised at their school or college, should get a confirmatory PCR. The PCR test should be booked immediately either online or by calling 119 and should be undertaken within 2 days.

Staff, students and pupils who have a positive LFD test result, as well as their close contacts and other members of their household, should self-isolate immediately in line with NHS Test and Trace guidance and while awaiting the PCR result. If the PCR test is negative, it overrides the LFD test and the staff member, pupil or student can return to school or college, and their close contacts can end their self-isolation.

### June 7<sup>th</sup> Professional Development Day

I would remind all parents/carers and students that **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June** is now a professional development day and **only year 11** students completing their GCSE Maths exam should attend.

All other students should attend school (Norlington site) at their usual start times on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June.

### Projects Week

During the week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> July (pending any remaining restrictions placed on the school due to COVID) all students in the school shall be engaging in a week-long series of activities that include a significant physical challenge. These include year 7 climbing

Everest, year 8 cycling the M25 and year 9 rowing the Panama Canal. Full details will follow shortly.

### **Parking/Stationary Cars outside the school**

We have had both local residents and Councillors contact the school with regards the number of cars waiting outside the school to collect their sons. This is especially true of immediately outside School on Norlington Road. This led to an unfortunate accident involving two cars earlier this week.

I would remind parents/carers collecting their sons from school that;

- no car should be parked on double yellow or School Zig Zag lines at anytime. This is illegal with an immediate fine if caught
- leaving an engine idling is an offence under the Section 42 of the Road Traffic Act 1988. The Act enforces rule 123 of the Highway Code, which states “You MUST NOT leave a vehicles engine running unnecessarily while the vehicle is stationary on a public road.”

We need to be considerate of our local residents. Failure to do so may lead to further restrictions that limit the access to the school. We shall be exploring options to support both our parents/carers and neighbours over the coming weeks.

**We would ask that if you are collecting your son from school, you do not park immediately outside the school on Norlington road between 2:45 and 3:45.**

### **Calendar for 2021/22 academic year**

While focused on ensuring current Year 11 & 13 get the support they require to realise the grades needed to take their next steps, we are also planning for the 2021/22 academic year. I have included a copy of the **2021/22 Calendar** dates at the end of this letter.

- Year 7 and 12 first day is on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> August.
- The first day of school for **All other students** is Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September,
- The October ½ term for Years 7 to 10 & 12 runs from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October until Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November.
- Year 11 & 13 ½ term runs from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October until Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October as from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November until Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November students will have their first mock Exams.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents/carers and students for their continued support during this challenging time, hopefully it will be over soon.

Yours sincerely



Mr J Hernandez  
Principal

Norlington School & 6th Form Calendar 2021/2022						
		Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Sep-21	a		31	1	2	3
	b	6	7	8	9	10
	a	12	14	15	16	17
	b	20	21	22	23	24
	a	27	28	29	30	1
Oct	b	4	5	6	7	8
	a	11	12	13	14	15
	b	18	19	20	21	22
		25	26	27	28	29
Nov		1	2	3	4	5
	a	8	9	10	11	12
	b	15	16	17	18	19
	a	22	23	24	25	26
	b	29	30	1	2	3
Dec	a	6	7	8	9	10
	b	13	14	15	16	17
		20	21	22	23	24
		27	28	29	30	31
Jan-22	a	3	4	5	6	7
	b	10	11	12	13	14
	a	17	18	19	20	21
	b	24	25	26	27	28
Feb	a	31	1	2	3	4
	b	7	8	9	10	11
		14	15	16	17	18
	a	21	22	23	24	25
March	b	28	1	2	3	4
	a	7	8	9	10	11
	b	14	15	16	17	18
	a	21	22	23	24	25
	b	28	29	30	31	1
April		4	5	6	7	8
		11	12	13	14	15
		18	19	20	21	22
	b	25	26	27	28	29
May	a	2	3	4	5	6
	b	9	10	11	12	13
	a	16	17	18	19	20
	b	23	24	25	26	27
June		30	31	1	2	3
	a	6	7	8	9	10
	b	13	14	15	16	17
	a	20	21	22	23	24
	b	27	28	29	30	1
July	a	4	5	6	7	8
	b	11	12	13	14	15
	a	18	19	20	21	22
		25	26	27	28	29

31st August P.D. day and first day for Year 7/12,  
All students start on 1st Sept

4th Oct P.D. day

25th to 29th Oct  
All Students 1/2 term

1st to 5th Nov  
Year 11/13 - Mock Exams  
Year 7,8,9,10 & 12 - 1/2 Term