



Dear Parents/Carers

As the start of the new term draws near we look forward to welcoming the students back in to school after the summer holidays. Just a reminder that the students return on the following days.

Monday 6th September

Year 7, 11, 12 and 13 return to school.

Students must be in school by 8:50am and Year 7 students should make their way to the Quad area.

Y11, and College students should make their way to their tutor rooms/college hub.

Tuesday 7th September

Year 8, 9 and 10 return to school.

Students must be in school by 8:50 and make their way to their tutor rooms.

Year 7 and College students should go to their tutor rooms when they arrive on Tuesday

Tutor room details are as follows

Tutorial groups	Teacher	Rooms	Tutorial groups	Teacher	Rooms
7A	Miss Taplin	B25	10A	Miss Coleman / Mrs Newby	A18
7B	Mr Bird	B6	10B	Mr Sylvester	B14
7C	Mrs Michell/Mrs Hind	K12	10C	Mr Salway	B16
7D	Miss Clogg	B4	10D	Miss Madher	B13
7E	Miss Cooper	A20	10E	Miss Slack	A19
7F	Mrs Vine	A17	10F	Mrs Rowland	A10
7G	Mr Currie	A15	10G	Miss Jones	B24
8A	Mr Clark	K6	11A	Miss Johnson	A14
8B	Miss Szabo	A16	11B	Mrs Walleth	B22
8C	Miss Wilson	B23	11C	Mr Scarsbrook	K3
8D	Mr Stower	B3	11D	Mr Hyatt	B5
8E	Mr Gibbison	B1	11E	Mr Wraith	B7
8F	Mr Bailey	K5	11G	Mrs Zaccardelli	A6
8G	Mrs Archdale/ Mrs Streets	K11	11H	Mrs Ashley	A11
9A	Miss Singleton	B20			
9B	Miss Kinney	B9			
9C	Mr Oxford	K10			
9D	Miss Woodfield	A7			
9E	Miss Carr	B18			
9F	Mr McCartney	E8			
9G	Mr Kendrick	A13			

Students on their first day will receive their timetable, equipment and their year group lanyard and this will be given out during the first morning back during tutor time.

COVID Measures

The Government has Now published plans for schools in relation to the relaxation of COVID processes and expectations for our return. With all of the following aspects, should there be a spike in cases in the local area, regional health protection teams may reintroduce measures to reduce cases.

Face Masks

It is no longer a requirement for staff or students to wear face masks. However, if staff or students choose to wear face masks, this will be accommodated. The wearing of face masks will no longer be enforced and is now down to personal choice.

Bubbles and Social Distancing

The use of bubble systems will no longer be necessary. Therefore, from September there will be no staggered starts to the school day, assemblies can resume and spaces can be shared. Students can mix at breaks and lunches and students will not need to adhere to social distancing.

Personal Hygiene

We will maintain the use of hand sanitisers in classrooms and students should sanitise on entry to all classrooms. Classrooms will be cleaned at regular intervals. Students and staff should continue to adhere to the “catch it, kill it, bin it” process.

Asymptomatic Testing

At the start of the academic year, students will be asked to undertake two lateral flow tests, 3-5 days apart, in school. These tests are conducted by students themselves, similar to how they were undertaken previously. If you have already given your consent in the last twelve months, there is no need for you to re-consent. For those who have not provided consent, if your consent was only verbal or if you are new to the school, please can you follow the link below to give your consent. https://www.medenschool.co.uk/forms/testing_consent.php

When students have completed two flow tests in school, they will be provided with kits to take home to complete two tests a week (Wednesday and Sunday) until the end of September, when the Government will review whether this continues or not.

Positive Cases

If a student tests positive, at home or school, they should book and undertake a PCR test, at a Testing Centre. We will no longer have to send students home to isolate for being in close contact with someone who does test positive. Instead NHS Test and Trace will work with positive cases, identifying close contacts and provide further advice and guidance on next steps. This will allow schools to focus on delivering a high-quality education with minimal disruption.

Attendance

It is expected that all students return to school at the start of the academic year. Unless isolating or testing positive, students should make every effort to be in school and parents should ensure students attend.

A Reminder of The New School Day

Event	Time	Duration
Staff Briefing Time	8.40am	10mins
Start of the Day: Tutor Time	8.50am	25mins
Period 1	9.15am	50mins
Period 2 / Break Break 1: KS3 – 10.05am to 10.20am Break 2: KS4/5 – 10.55am to 11.10am (Please note that KSS Break on Fridays is Break 1)	10.05am	1hr 5mins (50mins Lesson, 15 mins break)
Period 3	11.10am	50mins
Period 4 / Lunch Lunch 1: KS3 – 12.00pm to 12.40pm Lunch 2: KS4/5 – 12.40pm to 1.30pm (Please note that KSS Lunch on Fridays is Lunch 1)	12.00pm	1hr 30mins (50mins lesson, 40mins lunch)
Period 5	1.30pm	50mins
Period 6	2.20pm	50mins
End of the Day	3.10pm	
Intervention / Enrichment Y11 – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday Y7 – Monday Y10, Meden College – Tuesday	3.10pm – 4.00pm	50mins

Each year group has a slightly different pattern of finish times throughout the week which is summarised below.

Year 7	Year 8 & Year 9
Monday: 8.50am to 4.00pm Tuesday to Thursday: 8.50am to 3.10pm Friday: 8.50am to 2.20pm	Monday to Thursday: 8.50am to 3.10pm Friday: 8.50am to 2.20pm
Year 10	Year 11
Monday: 8.50am to 3.10pm Tuesday: 8.50am to 4.00pm Wednesday & Thursday: 8.50am to 3.10pm Friday: 8.50am to 2.20pm	Monday to Wednesday: 8.50am to 4.00pm Thursday: 8.50am to 3.10pm Friday: 8.50am to 2.20pm
Meden College	
Monday: 8.50am to 3.10pm Tuesday: 8.50am to 4.00pm Wednesday & Thursday: 8.50am to 3.10pm Friday: 8.50am to 2.20pm	

Breakfast and Homework Club

Breakfast club will not commence until week commencing 13th September. More information will follow next week.

Buses

All the latest timetables for the MEDEN1, MEDEN2 and No.9 service plus the late buses has now been uploaded to the website <https://www.medenschool.co.uk/page.php?p=bus>

The school website is an invaluable source of information about every aspect of school life. To access the school website use the following address www.medenschool.co.uk You can also follow us on twitter and again this can be accessed through the website.

If you have any queries or questions then please contact your child's tutor in the first instance who will be more than happy to help.

Kind regards



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Head of School