

11th June 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

With the news today from Public Health England that the new Delta variant of the Coronavirus is significantly more transmissible than previous variants and that vaccines are not as effective against it, I wanted to once again to remind everyone that we cannot be complacent in our fight against the virus.

It is vital that we all work together to keep our community safe. I do not want to have to send any year groups home or be in a position where we have to consider closing the school, as is happening in other areas where the virus is spreading rapidly. We have worked hard to minimise the disruption to our students' education, and will continue to do so, but it is vital that we have the support of all involved to be able to maintain this.

Face Coverings

Although the current guidance is that face coverings do not need to be worn by students in school, the Department for Education expects us to be ready to reinstate the requirement of wearing a face covering, possibly at short notice. Therefore, please ensure that your child has a sufficient supply of face coverings that they can use if the Government directs that they must be worn in the classroom and Academy once again.

In the meantime, we would encourage your child to wear a face mask when moving around busy, communal areas of the Academy.

Testing

By now your child should be routinely testing themselves twice a week and registering the outcome of each test. If your child tests positive, please ensure you keep them at home and notify us by calling 020 8875 2634 or emailing your child's tutor so that we can commence contact tracing.

Year 10, Year 12 Level 3 and International Group students are receiving more test kits today. Years 7, 8 and 9 will receive further kits next week.

Symptoms

If your child is feeling unwell or has any symptoms, please keep them at home and arrange a PCR test for them. It has been reported that symptoms of the Delta variant may include a headache, sore throat, runny nose and fever i.e. it may present itself as similar to a head cold.

Covid Protocols

We will continue to maintain the Covid protocols that we have had in place throughout the pandemic:

- Teachers will be teaching from behind the red line at the front of the class although, at times, they will be circulating in lessons to support students but, when doing so, will wear a mask;
- Students will remain seated in rows facing the front, where practical;
- Students will be kept in bubbles during social time outside or while eating in the dining hall;
- Movement along corridors and in stairwells will be one way to prevent overcrowding;
- Students will be directed to wash or sanitise their hands and work spaces routinely.

Hydration and Water Bottles

With the welcome return of warmer weather, please ensure that your child has their own water bottle. They can fill these at the water foundations which are currently only available for refilling water bottles, not for drinking from.



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Academy Behaviour System

This term we are launching our updated behaviour system – ‘Reward Sanction and Repair’.

The aim of it is to ensure that practice is consistent across the Academy and that all students are given the opportunity to experience the recognition of positive behaviour.

Our new system deliberately begins with the word ‘Reward’ because recognising and rewarding student achievement is at the heart of our approach of encouraging positive behaviour. Our public celebration of positive behaviour will enable students to see the rewards of this and learn to adopt it for themselves. Central to the rewards philosophy is the expectation that all teachers and staff will praise students, as well as notifying parents, routinely.

The ‘Reward’ system will run in parallel with the ‘Sanction and Repair’ behaviour system. We want every sanction to be fair and transparent, ideally resulting in a restorative conversation that ensures that the situation has been repaired.

We have created what we hope is a user friendly, visual document that sets out a clear system of rewards and sanctions. For this system to be effective it is important that all stakeholders are included in its development. With this in mind, we will be consulting parents/carers and students in the near future.

In the meantime, to learn more about ‘The Behaviour System - Reward, Sanction and Repair’ please click here:

<https://www.southfieldsacademy.com/attachments/download.asp?file=2765&type=pdf>

Year 7, 8 and 9 End of Year Examinations

Formal Exams in Exam Hall for Core Subjects: Wednesday 30th – Tuesday 6th July 2021

In-class foundation subjects assessments: Summer 2 Term

Core Exams

Students will sit English, maths and science exams in the exam hall Wednesday 30th June – Tuesday 6th July 2021.

These exams will help us to measure the progress your child has made across the year and inform next steps. We will send results home at the start of the summer holidays.

Due to Covid restrictions, we have been unable to do any exams in a formal setting, which is an important part of preparing our students for success for their GCSEs and beyond.

The examination timetable is attached. Please read through it with your child to make sure they are clear when each subject is being examined so that they are appropriately equipped on that day. It is important that we prepare them for the expectations associated with exams.

Please help your son/daughter to do their best in the examinations by ensuring that:

- Students arrive on time to all exams in full school uniform.
- Students line up sensibly in the playground before the start of each exam.
- As they enter the exam, students are silent, they put their bags and coats in the allocated place in the hall and then take their seats as quickly as possible without talking.
- Students should have the correct equipment for each examination – at least two pens (should be black ink), pencils, rubber, ruler and any subject specific equipment necessary. This equipment should be kept in a plastic, see-through bag.
- Attendance should be 100%, and students should arrive at least 10 minutes before the start of each exam.

- Mobile phones are turned off, and either left at home or in their bags. Phones cannot be in students' pockets during exams.
- A copy of the exam timetable is displayed at home, and ensure that your son/daughter has their own copy.
- Any smart watches or communication devices must not be taken into the exam hall.

I hope all students achieve well in these exams. Good results should show students what they are capable of achieving, poor results should encourage students to take responsibility for their own progress and address where they went wrong.

Please take the time to go through the attached timetable and code of conduct with your son/daughter so that they can maximise their potential and get it right in these exams. Students' conduct in these exams must be perfect.

Foundation Exams

We will assess the student within the classroom for their other (foundation) subjects. The way that the students are assessed will vary between different subjects e.g. practical subject might assess over a number of weeks. Their end of year grade for the foundation subjects will also appear on the end of year report, to be sent home at the start of the summer holidays.

With thanks for your continuing support and best wishes for a warm and safe weekend.

Yours sincerely



Wanda Golinska
Headteacher

KEY STAGE 3 EXAMINATION TIMETABLE SUMMER 2021

	Monday 28 th June	Tuesday 29 th June	Wednesday 30 th June	Thursday 1 st July	Friday 2 nd July
Time					
Session 1 Line up 8.30 Exam start 8.45am			Year 8 Maths Calculator 45 mins 190 students <i>Finish 9.30am (ET approx. 9.40am)</i>	Year 8 Science 45 mins 190 students <i>Finish 9.30am (ET approx. 9.40am)</i>	Year 9 Maths Calculator 45 mins 192 students <i>Finish 9.30am (ET approx. 9.40)</i>
Session 2 Line up 11am Exam Start 11.15am			Year 7 English 45 mins 192 students <i>Finish 12pm (ET approx. 12.10pm)</i>	Year 8 Maths Non-Calculator 45 mins 190 students <i>Finish 12pm (ET approx. 12.10pm)</i>	Year 8 English 45 mins 192 students <i>Finish 12pm (ET approx. 12.10pm)</i>

KEY STAGE 3 EXAMINATION TIMETABLE SUMMER 2021

	Monday 5 th July	Tuesday 6 th July	Wednesday 7 th July	Thursday 8 th July	Friday 9 th July
Time					
Session 1 Line up 8.30 Exam start 8.45am	Year 7 Maths 45 mins 204 students <i>Finish 9.30am (ET approx. 9.40am)</i>	Year 9 English 45 mins 192 students <i>Finish 9.30am (ET approx. 9.40am)</i>			
Session 2 Line up 11am Exam Start 11.15am	Year 9 Science 60 mins 192 students <i>Finish 12.15pm (ET approx. 12.30pm)</i>	Year 9 Maths Non-Calculator Paper 45 mins 192 students <i>Finish 12pm (ET approx. 12.10pm)</i>			