



25th September 2020

Dear Parents and students,

Return to school on Monday, September 28: Years 12 and 13

We look forward to welcoming back our sixth formers on Monday providing they are healthy enough to return. Any student still showing one of the main symptoms of Covid-19 (a high temperature, a new, continuous cough or loss of sense of taste and smell) should remain at home.

In order to ensure safety, continuity of education, on their return, students will note some key, important changes that have been put in place. These relate particularly to sixth form 'bubbles', logistics about how rooms will be used, movement around the building and aspects of attendance.

There will be an assembly on Monday morning to clearly explain the changes. My clear expectation is that sixth formers are at an age and with a maturity to understand why the changes are in place. They have a responsibility to follow the new rules/procedures and if that proves not to be the case and students wilfully do not follow them, parents will be contacted and those students will be directed to work at home.

Key changes and key dates

- **On Wednesday afternoons, Year 12 and 13 will leave the school site once their lessons finish at 12:20pm; independent study from home should take place in the afternoon. Students who use the coach service will be allocated a space to work until the end of the school day.**
- **On Friday afternoons, Year 13 will again leave the school site once they finish their lessons at 1:15pm; independent study from home should take place in the afternoon. Students who use the coach service will be allocated a space to work until the end of the school day.**
- **Year 12 assessment week commencing 5th October 2020**
- **Year 13 mock exams week commencing 5th October and 2nd November 2020**

Individual bubbles

- Year 13s will maintain a 2 metre distance from each other, from staff and from year 12 students at all times; in the case of any further Covid positive cases, this will help in trying to ensure that the fewest number of students need to self-isolate.
- Masks will remain mandatory outside of lessons and encouraged but will not need to be worn inside the classroom.
- Year 12s will also maintain a 2 metre distance from each other, from staff and from year 13 students whenever possible; however, this is not possible in some classrooms that accommodate subjects with over 15 students in the group; in these lessons, seating plans, will allow for effective tracking should a positive Covid case occur.

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During this period of self-isolation, site staff have ensured that all of the above has been clearly marked out for students to be able to follow.

If you have any queries about anything within this letter, please contact Head of Sixth Form, Mr Ruhe, at: a.ruhe@nishkamschools.org or via the school telephone number: 0121 348 7660

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Kearns', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mr D. Kearns