



6 September 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

We hope that all our students have had a lovely break and that families have spent some enjoyable time together. We are looking forward to welcoming all our students back to Harrogate High this week. Please remember:

- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September are staff training days.
- As per my previous communication, we will be conducting COVID-19 testing prior to the full return to school as follows (parental consent must be given to take part in the testing and it is voluntary – please complete the on-line consent form, if you have not previously done so, by clicking [here](#), to let us know if you would like your child to participate in the on-site testing):

Year 7 – Tues. 7<sup>th</sup> (12.30-1.30pm)

Year 11 – Tues. 7<sup>th</sup> (1.30-2.30pm)

Year 8 – Weds. 8<sup>th</sup> (8.30-9.30am)

Year 9 – Weds. 8<sup>th</sup> (9.45-10.45am)

Year 10 – Weds. 8<sup>th</sup> (11.00-12.00pm)

*Students do not need to come for testing in uniform and may leave after their test.*

- Years 7 and 11 start the term on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September. Years 8, 9 and 10 start the term on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September.
- Students should arrive on site no later than 8.20am. School finishes at 2.30pm.
- If you would like a place for your child at Breakfast Club (from 7.30am), please contact the school to book this.

We continue to prioritise the safety of all students and staff by continuing with our main COVID control measures. These are:

- Facilitating and encouraging good hygiene (handwashing/hand sanitising throughout the day, reminding students to 'catch it, bin it, kill it', etc.)
- Good ventilation throughout school (we are fortunate to have a modern building with built-in ventilation throughout, staff will also open windows when necessary)
- Continued enhanced cleaning
- Managing positive cases (those who have tested positive/are symptomatic must isolate)

May I take this opportunity to remind you how important it continues to be that your child does not attend school if they are unwell/have symptoms of COVID-19 (a temperature/fever, a new continuous cough or loss of sense of taste or smell), or if they have tested positive in the last 10 days. Please continue to report any absences to [Attendance-](#)





[Department@harrogatehighschool.co.uk](mailto:Department@harrogatehighschool.co.uk) and let us know if your child has symptoms or tests positive. Contact tracing is now handled by NHS Test and Trace. If your child is identified as a close contact, they will be advised to take a PCR test and will be able to attend school if they are well and do not have any Coronavirus symptoms. May I also remind you not to send your child to school if you are required to quarantine following a visit to a country outside the common travel area.

We will also have the following in place in accordance with our School Risk Assessment, which has been updated in line with the latest Government guidance (available on the school website):

- Staff will continue to wear face coverings in busier, communal areas. Please note that face coverings are currently optional for students, as they were before the holidays.
- No visitors will be permitted to the school, unless by prior arrangement (we ask all parents/carers to make an appointment should they wish to see a member of staff).
- Continued use of a one-way system around school.
- We are intending to re-introduce educational visits and our full range of extra-curricular activities, as these are such an important part of our students' education. Year group assemblies will also be running as normal (we reintroduced these last term).
- In line with national guidance, we will not be operating a 'bubble' system. Students will be able to move around school and access their lessons in specialist teaching rooms.

We will continue to follow updated guidance in order to keep everyone safe; therefore, it may be necessary for us to put contingency measures in place (e.g.: bubbles, face coverings, etc.) for temporary periods should either the Local Authority or Public Health England advise us to do so based on any changes advised locally or nationally.

We are looking forward to welcoming our students back to school and to a fantastic term ahead. Thank you in advance for all your support.

Yours faithfully

**Mrs L Greenwood**  
Head of School.

