



Newsletter

Summer Term
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July 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to start with a huge thank you for your support in another very challenging year. We will break up on 16th July (2:30pm) and return in September to what we hope will look and feel like a 'normal' school (government guidelines permitting).

I am very proud of what our students have managed to achieve despite these challenges; and am delighted that we have still managed to showcase our students talents and celebrate their achievements in fabulous evens such as our Y7/Y8 sports day, our leavers celebration and through our virtual governors awards. I would also like to praise our Y10 students for their achievements in recent mock exams, these give us great confidence in what Y11 holds for them. Finally if you would like to get a flavour of these events please see our website or social media pages for full details.

Have a safe and relaxing summer break.

S. Rhodes, Headteacher

The WINTERHILL WAY: SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS

As we approach the end of the academic year, a reminder to all students regarding our expectations around **uniform, attendance and punctuality**. Students must attend school in **full school uniform**, including a suitable school bag, their learning equipment, as well as bringing their full PE kit as per their timetabled lessons. Full details of our uniform expectations can be found on our website. In particular please wear correct footwear and note that **trainers** of any kind are **not permitted**.

As you would expect via our school ethos 'everyone succeeds', an attendance of **95%+**, as well as arriving at school **promptly at 08:45**, is vital to students achieving their full potential. Each week, our tutors engage students around their attendance and punctuality with students rewarded weekly for achieving good attendance and arriving at school on time.

SCHOOL OPERATIONS in SEPTEMBER

September 2021

The start of the new term in September 2021 will see the school return to normality as the government's stage 4 plan takes effect. We now have the opportunity to fully embed the changes to the school that we had planned for September 2020.

Under the new government guidance, at Step 4 it will no longer be necessary to keep students in consistent groups ('bubbles'). This means that bubbles will not need to be used in school from the autumn term. As well as enabling flexibility in curriculum delivery, this means that assemblies can resume, and we no longer need to make alternative arrangements to avoid mixing cohorts of students at break and lunch.

	Y7-8-9			Y10-11	
	START	FINISH		START	FINISH
Form	8.45am	9.10am	Form	8.45am	9.10am
1	9.10am	10.25am	1	9.10am	10.25am
BREAK	10.25am	10.40am	2	10.25am	11.40am
2	10.40am	11.55am	BREAK	11.40am	11.55am
LUNCH	11.55am	12.30pm	3	11.55am	1.10pm
3	12.30pm	1.45pm	LUNCH	1.10pm	1.45pm
4	1.45pm	3.00pm	4	1.45pm	3.00pm

Please note: Y7, Y8 and Y9 students will have their break and lunch sessions together and will have the opportunity to buy snacks and or food from 3 designated areas within the building as well a designated outside area to play and socialise. This also applies to our **Y10 and Y11 students** who will have their break and lunch sessions together.

The school day start at **8.45am** and finishes at **3.00pm**. We encourage all our students to be punctual and on time, students will be allowed into the building from **8.45am** and are expected to make their way directly to their tutor group (**Students will be given a late mark should they arrive after 8.50am**). Any students arriving after this time are required to report to the attendance office, located in student reception.

There are allocated entrance and exit points for students, to ensure a calm and orderly start to the school day and exit from the school building at 3.00pm. For our **Y7, Y8 and Y9** students this will be at the **main student entrance** via the main school gates. **Y10 and Y11 students** will access and leave the school site via the school gates on **Little Common Lane**. The gates, entry and exit points into the school building will be supervised by members of the staff team.

On their return to school in September students will be provided with new timetables for their classes including their tutor group. Please note there are a small number of changes to tutor groups for the new academic year-students involved in these changes will be informed before the end of term to get them ready for their new classes. If there are any queries about these changes please contact the relevant Behaviour for Learning Leader.

Finally, as our students will potentially mix with lots of other people during the summer holidays, we are required to provide 2 on-site lateral flow device tests, 3 to 5 days apart, when students return to school in September and **we aim to stagger the return of students to manage this** (more information will be provided to parents and carers nearer the end of the summer holiday via text message, social media and the school website). Students should then continue to test twice weekly at home until the end of September, when this will be reviewed by the Government.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Friday, 16th July Non Uniform day and last day of term - students finish at 2:30pm.
- Thursday, 2nd September staggered start for students - **more information to follow**.
- Thursday, 9th September Y7 tutor evening.
- Saturday, 18th September Y4/Y5 open morning.
- Tuesday, 21st September Students finish at 1:15pm
- Wednesday, 29th September Y11 parents evening
- Tuesday, 5th October Y9 tutor evening/options evening
- Wednesday, 20th October Y10 tutor evening
- Friday, 22nd October last day of term

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

It is vitally important that Winterhill has the correct contact information for your son/daughter.

Please get in touch with school if you have changed your address, contact number or email address via admin@winterhill.org.uk.

If you would like to contact me, please email Julie Parkin - jparkin@winterhill.org.uk,
Headteachers PA to make an appointment.

Thank you for your continued support S. Rhodes -