



HEANOR GATE SCIENCE COLLEGE

“Develop all learners to achieve their full potential”
“Create a culture of aspiration”

Principal: **Mr S Huntington**



2 March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

The last 7 weeks have not been quite how we imagined 2021 to start. However, the majority of our students have risen to the challenges of home schooling and continued to work hard, adapting quickly to a new way of learning, showing the resilience we have so often talked about and ultimately producing work of a high standard.

As an Achievement Team we couldn't be more proud of our students. We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge your support during these unprecedented times too, not only for us as an Achievement Team and Heanor Gate as a school, but most importantly for your child in helping to continue their education at home. We fully recognise this is no easy task as a parent, often juggling home and work commitments and we thank you for this.

Last week a number of letters were sent home which we hope you have had time to read through and digest; information regarding the return to school, COVID procedures and the lateral flow testing. Year 7 tests are taking place on Saturday 6 March and students should wear a mask and enter through the Sixth Form gates (where they would normally enter school). They will be met by a member of staff and taken to the testing area in H block.

Below are some key points I wanted to share with you specifically for Year 7 students.

Uniform

The expectations of Year 7 students in terms of dress and conduct remain unchanged from last year and should be fully adhered to from Monday 8 March. Trousers and/or skirts must be formal wear not skin-tight/fashion style.

I would advise students to ensure they have full uniform this week prior to their return. Should you require any new uniform you can make purchases from the following (please see school website for uniform list):

- Morley's (<http://www.schoolwearsolutions.com/>)
- Karlsport (<http://www.ksschoolwear.co.uk/>)
- Various supermarkets
- Ties can be purchased via ParentPay for £4.25 and collected from reception

In addition, every student will need to bring a face mask with them to school as the regulations now state that students and staff will wear face masks inside buildings at all times. Students need to make it part of their routine to carry these and it would be beneficial for them to also have a spare.

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Equipment

We also expect that all students are fully prepared and ready to learn with a full set of personal equipment. This is particularly important as, due to COVID, we are limited in terms of the equipment we can lend out. Students will need to bring in their lesson books and if they have been completed during half term then new books will be issued.

Jewellery

In line with school policy, students' jewellery should be kept to a minimum. No more than:

- One pair of stud earrings in the lobe of the ear
- One watch

No visible necklaces, bracelets, rings or other piercings (including tongue piercings or those in the Helix or Tragus) will be allowed. Students are not permitted to wear nail varnish or polish.

Attendance

Given the disruption to learning that has occurred since the start of COVID it will be absolutely imperative that school attendance is kept as high as possible to ensure that Year 7 students reach their potential. Please help us to achieve this by encouraging and insisting that your child attends every day.

Mobile phones

Students can carry mobile phones but they must not be used on site for any reason. All urgent contact with a student must go through reception.

Staggered start/finish times

Year group	Start time	Entrance	Exit time	Exit
7	8.40am	Main double gate (hall entrance)	2.45pm	Sixth Form gates

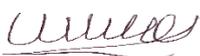
Staggered break/lunchtimes

Year group	Break time	Lunchtime	Break/lunch venue
7	10.40am-10.55am	12.55pm-1.25pm	New gym/hall

Once again I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and understanding through this time. Moving forward, I know we will continue to have your support which will play a large role in helping us continue to stay safe, follow the rules and look out for each other.

We are genuinely looking forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 8 March. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any further questions regarding this.

Yours sincerely



Miss L Hulland
Achievement Leader