



# HEANOR GATE SCIENCE COLLEGE

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

Principal: **Mr S Huntington**



26 May 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

As we approach the end of this half term I am writing to you to inform you of arrangements for your child as we enter 'Step-Up'.

## Stepping Up from Year 10 Into 11

As you have been previously made aware in the communication from Mr Huntington your child will be starting Year 11 on Monday 7 June. This has been designed solely to benefit your child after what has been a turbulent two years of their education. We hope that the 'Step Up' initiative will give students a renewed focus and for our year group in particular it will enable them to become role models for the rest of our KS3/4 students. Within the classroom, time will be used to start Year 11 GCSE content or help bridge the gaps so that all students are in an excellent position to make the most of Year 11. I hope that your child is as excited as I am about the 'Step-Up' concept.

I have been really impressed with how the year group have developed over the last two years and the way they applied themselves throughout lockdown was exemplary. As we move forward into the most important year of their educational lives to date your child needs to continue to display the same high standards they have set for themselves. The year will, at times, be challenging but they will receive support from us all along the way. I have spoken to them about the importance of working consistently (little and often), attending support sessions when required and approaching each day with a positive "can-do" mind-set. It is important that they get themselves into these good habits - as well as having a healthy diet and getting regular exercise - in order to look after their overall well-being.

Throughout the year we will be working closely with the careers team and other staff to support your child with their overall "Personal Development." This includes discussing their options Post 16 as we ensure they develop the skills and attributes to become valued members of society. The possible return of school trips and after school clubs will also contribute to this personal development. Through a broad and balanced Tutor Time curriculum students will continue to enhance their understanding in the following areas:

- English/Maths/Science
- Careers
- RSE/Citizenship
- Key topical themes through weekly assemblies

## First Day of Step-Up Arrangements

On Monday 7 June your child will be required to:

- Be on school site for 8.35am and head straight to the hall for an assembly
- The school day will run from 8.35am until 3.15pm
- Break will be 11.10am-11.25am
- Lunch will be 1.25pm-1.55pm

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## Key Standards and Expectations

As we move into Year 11 it is vital that our students continue to follow the standards and expectations we have. By getting the 'basics' right on a daily basis it means we will have more time to support your child pastorally and academically. Students will continue to be rewarded for their positive attitudes to learning and attendance.

Students must:

- Arrive at school at 8.35am with a positive attitude, entering through the sixth form gates and lining up in tutor groups
- Have the correct equipment to enable them to succeed (blue/black/red pen, pencil, ruler, scientific calculator, rubber, glue stick)
- Maintain the high standards of uniform they have always had. This link details uniform expectations: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1u-tJg93H74zLzsOKHqr\\_r\\_V5tTm-OYZo/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1u-tJg93H74zLzsOKHqr_r_V5tTm-OYZo/view?usp=sharing)

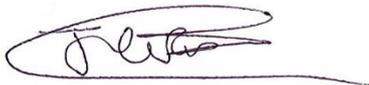
## COVID Update

As we move closer to the end of term and restrictions start to ease, students will be moving around the school more than they have done recently. It is vitally important therefore that they continue to follow these expectations:

- Sanitise/wash hands regularly
- Keep their social distance where possible
- In areas such as corridors where social distancing is not possible they will need to wear a mask
- Students will continue to complete and report tests twice a week

I would like to end by thanking you as parents/carers for supporting your child and the school in what has been a very challenging time for us all. I look forward to seeing you at parents' evening tomorrow evening.

Yours sincerely



Mr J Wright  
Y10 Achievement Leader