



BROUGHTON HALL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent / Carers,

I am writing to you with some updates and during this holiday period.

I would like to start by congratulating our Year 13 pupils. They have performed, in the most difficult of circumstances, extremely well. Pupils have been able to take the next step in their journey to many different universities including University of Bristol, University of Durham, University of Liverpool, University of Leeds, John Moores University, University of Nottingham, University of Oxford and Hope University to name just a few. We are delighted that we have pupils studying varying careers including Law, Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Science, Primary Teaching, Nursing and Midwifery as well as the study of History, Business Fashion, Physics, Maths, Biochemistry, Journalism, PE and Fashion.

Our Year 11 pupils also received their excellent results this week. It was very pleasing to see many of the pupils in school yesterday, happy and delighted with their GCSE results. Their hard work and dedication, in the face of very difficult circumstances, paid off. We will see many of them next year in the sixth form but some of the pupils will try pastures new. I would take this opportunity to wish, those returning to Broughton Hall and those starting a new journey good luck as they next steps they take in their education.

September 2021 – Arrangements for Years 7 and 12 pupils

Wednesday 1st September - INSET DAY (no pupils)

Thursday 2nd September - Years 7 and 12 pupils only – Pupils depart at 1:45pm

Testing for Covid-19 will be completed during the day for Years 7 and 12 (consent needed)

Friday 3rd September – Lessons for Years 7 and 12 all day

Monday 6th September – All pupils will be in school for normal timetable

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September 2021 – Arrangements for Years 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13 pupils

Wednesday 1st September - INSET DAY (no pupils)

Thursday 2nd September – Pupils of Years 8, 9, 10, 11, and 13 are not required in school

Friday 3rd September - Years 8 and 9 are to attend school for testing between 8:30am and 12:30am.

Friday 3rd September - Years 10 and 11 are to attend school for testing between 1:15pm and 5pm

Friday 3rd September - Year 13 are to arrive any time across the day 8:30 – 5:00pm (except for 12:30pm – 1:15pm)

Monday 6th September – All pupils will be in school for normal timetable

Clarity for Start and Finish times

As you will be aware last year school introduced a staggered start and end to the day. After monitoring this last year and looking at the impact of the staggered start and end of the day some changes have been made. The staggered start to the day made much less impact due to the nature of arrival times. Pupils arrive in natural staggers dependent on how they get to school. Therefore we will be asking all pupils to attend school from 8:40am. The staggered finish did have significant impact in reducing overcrowding on buses, in the local shops and at the various exit points in school. Therefore some staggered finish times will still be in place.

	Years 7, 8 and 9	Years 10 and 11	Years 12 and 13
Start of the day	8:40am	8:40am	8:40am
End of the day	3:00pm	2:45pm	2:45pm

School will be open to pupils and supervised from 8:15am.

Uniform and PE Kit

As you are aware, we have high expectations of uniform at Broughton Hall and regular uniform and equipment checks will take place throughout the school year. Other items of uniform, including bags, coats and shoes, must have no logos, decorative components or coloured trims and must be plain and black. School shoes should be flat, plain and black. Boots, (covering ankles) trainers or sandals are not allowed. Kicker's shoes must have navy blue or black laces. All shoes must have covered toes and backs for Health and Safety reasons. Examples of shoes that meet our requirements are available to view on our school website. Melissa / Vivienne Westwood style shoes are not suitable for school. As in previous years, it is a requirement for all blazers to have ribbon sewn on the top of the



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upper pocket of the blazer in the year groups' colour. Our retailers have agreed to sew the ribbon onto the blazer, time allowing.

Furthermore, the following **are not** permitted in school: jewellery (except a wrist watch), internet enabled watches (including i-watches), make up, bows on socks, nail varnish, false nails and piercings (other than 1 small gold stud in each lobe).

As of September we have introduced a school scarf. This will be available for purchase directly from school. Pupils will be allowed to wear the scarf at all times, including in lessons. The introduction of the scarf reflects the need for rooms in school to be well ventilated as part of our Covid-19 Risk Assessment. These will be available in the new term.

Changing facilities for PE lessons will be available for all pupils when we return. This means that pupils will be expected to attend school in their school uniform and change for PE. This differs from the organisation we had in place for our younger pupils last year. Similarly copies of the PE kit are on the attached list and suppliers.

School bags will be available on return to school or from the school office on their return or when they come to school for testing. These are sold at a cost of £3. After some consultation and representation with pupils we have sourced a suitable alternative to the school bag as a rucksack. A number of pupils requested this alternative. As soon as the supplier confirms availability we will contact parents and ensure these can be bought directly from school. As I am sure you are aware there is a delay on some items at the moment so we will inform you as soon as they become available.

Covid-19 Measures

We will still have a number of measures in place across the school. These include staggered breaks so year groups are kept separate, nearly 100 sanitising stations around the school, and staggered finishes to the day. Teacher zones will remain so they can be used if necessary.

We have in place a differentiated set of plans if we are advised to scale up our measures in response to Covid-19 in our community. Any changes will be introduced in conjunction with Public Health advice and parents will be informed. The alternative plans include how face masks will be deployed, availability of home learning and year groups returning to bubbles. I sincerely hope that none of these extra measures are required during the next 12 months.

Attendance and Punctuality

This section of my letter is difficult to write given the amount of school missed over the last 2 years. However, in many ways, the last two years make good future attendance and

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punctuality even more important. It is critical that pupils attend every day if they are to make the best of the opportunities available to them. Although we would like every pupil to have 100% attendance we appreciate that there may be some rare occasions when she is too ill to attend school. The minimum attendance target for all pupils is 97% which means that your daughter can not have more than 5 school days absence in the academic year if she is to achieve this target.

Punctuality to school and lessons is also essential. If your daughter was to arrive just 5 minutes late each day that would mean she has missed a whole 3 days of learning over the academic year. Your support in ensuring your daughter arrives to school on time and attends every day is very much appreciated.

I would also take this opportunity to indicate that holidays taken during term time will not be authorised and that the government classifies pupils who have more than 15.5 days absent in a year as persistent absentees. We are legally required to follow up on any persistent absenteeism and work with parents to improve attendance. The school website has details of the term dates for 2021-2022. It gives details of term/holiday dates and key dates throughout the school year. May I please remind you not to book holidays during term time as they will not be authorised and this can lead to fines.

I hope some of this information has been useful to you and also saves you working through our website when checking the rules in relation to uniform, times of the day and the testing we will be completing when our pupils return.

I wish your daughters and your families a good break before our return in a few weeks.

Yours sincerely,

Mr G. Preston
Head Teacher