

September 2020 for students

Important things you need to know:

We want school to feel as normal as possible. Any changes are for everyone's safety and wellbeing.

Everyone needs to follow the rules to keep themselves and others safe.

Adults are there to help you: if there is anything you are unsure of then please ask.

What do I do if I feel unwell?

If you feel unwell at the start of the day you should inform your parents. If you are unwell with Covid Symptoms, stay at home. If you begin to feel unwell during the school day, tell your teacher.

What does the school day now look like?

Our school day will change but start and finish times will be the same. The key changes are that the school day begins with lesson one (rather than tutor) and break and lunch are now split into year groups.

Period	Time	Notes
Period 1	0840 - 0930	
Period 2	0930 - 1015	
Tutor/Break 1	1015 - 1035	ARB/ Year 7/10/11 Break and Year 8/9 Tutor Period
Tutor/Break 2	1035 - 1055	Year 8/9 Break and Year 7/10/11 Tutor Period
Period 3	1055 - 1140	
Period 4.	1140-1225	
Period 5 /Lunch	1225 - 1310	ARB/ Year 7/10/11 Lunch and Year 8/9 Period 5
Period 5A /Lunch	1310- 1355	Year 8/9 Lunch and Year 7/10/11 Period 5
Period 6.	1355-1440	
Period 7	1440- 1525	

Will uniform be any different?

Uniform will be the same as usual. Nose studs/facial piercings cannot be worn in school.

What about changing for PE?

Wear your normal school uniform every day. Bring your PE kit with you and you will change as normal before PE.

What equipment do I need to bring?

Your equipment list is still the same. Do not share equipment. Please make sure you have:

- A charged iPad
- Blue/black pens (you will need more than one)
- A ruler (15cm minimum and needed in every subject for underlining and measuring)
- Rubber and pencil sharpener
- Pencils (these are required for drawing in all subjects)
- Colouring pencils and highlighters
- Geometry set (inc. set square, protractor, compass and scientific calculator)
- A reading book

What do I need to do on the bus/in my taxi?

Government guidelines are that face coverings must be worn on public/school transport. Please sanitise your hands before getting on the bus and when you get off.

What time can I arrive in the morning?

You should be stood in your lesson queue at 8.40am.

Will I have a locker?

Lockers are not in use. Please only bring the equipment in that you need for the day. Check your bag each night to make sure you have the correct books for the day.

Where am I allowed to go?

All students will use the marked path outside the building to move from lesson to lesson. Year 11 and teachers are able to move through the school building. All students will need to move round the outside of the school anti-clockwise (there are signs and arrows to help)

How do I get to my lessons?

Before lessons, use the outside pathway to find the queue for your class. You will practice this with your tutor during the first week. Make sure you are queued up by the lesson start time, just like you would previously have done outside class (calm and in single file). Your teacher will collect you and walk you to their room.

What do I do if I am late?

If you are late, go straight to your class via the outside path and your teacher will sign you in.

What about break and lunch?

For all students, break and lunch will be in year groups in your outside area listed below. Students who need a quieter area for break and lunch can arrange this through Mrs Williams.

If it is dry:

Break/Lunch 1: Year 7 North Playground (by the TISA) Year 10 South Playground (STP side)

Break/Lunch 2: Year 8 North Playground (by the TISA) Year 9 South Playground (STP side)

Year 11 : Canteen/Downstairs Street or Amphitheatre and Front of School (Reception must be kept clear)

ARB: Break and lunch in ARB area.

If it is wet (Staff will tell you if it is going to be an inside break):

Break/Lunch 1: Year 7 TISA Year 10 Sports hall

Break/Lunch 2: Year 8 TISA Year 9 Sports hall

Year 11 : Canteen/Downstairs Street or Amphitheatre and Front of School. Reception must be kept clear. Inside space is for sitting and eating.

ARB: Break and lunch in ARB area.

Will the canteen be open?

The canteen will be open during break time and lunch. The canteen will not be able to offer the selection they did previously; please bring your own food if you are worried about this. Most food choices will be cold e.g. sandwiches.

Year 11 will be served from the canteen

Year 7-10 will be served their lunch on their allocated playground or indoor wet weather area

What if I need the toilet?

During lessons times students should use nearest toilet and follow Hygiene rules. Only one student will be allowed to leave at a time.

During break and lunch you will need permission from the duty staff to enter the building to use the toilet. This is so we can make sure there are not too many people in the toilet at the same time:

Year 7 and 8: Toilets by Maths office accessed/exited by the north playground stairwell

Year 9 and 10: Toilets by Staff Room, accessed/exited by the English breakout area double doors

Year 11: Toilets by the Attendance Office

ARB: ARB toilets

What if I need to leave my lesson e.g. for First Aid or to get my iPad fixed?

Go to your lessons as normal and let your teacher know if you think you need support e.g. to see First Aid. The teacher will contact the correct person and they will come to your class to see you.

What happens at the end of lessons?

Teachers will dismiss you from class in the normal way. Leave by the door you came in and join the 'Ryn Road'. At the end of the school day you will leave school as normal, exiting the building the way you came in.

What if I need to stay at school late?

Any student remaining at school needs to attend an after-school club. This can include homework club in the canteen. If you are not going to a club you need to go straight home.

Will after-school clubs still be happening?

After school clubs will begin from 14th September. An online booklet will be available from 7th September. These clubs will be in year group bubbles or appropriately socially distanced.

Will TAs still be supporting in lessons?

TAs will continue to support in classes and to help students to move from one lesson to the next.

What do I do if the fire alarm sounds?

Fire alarms will be the same as before. Your teacher will lead you from the building to the assembly point. You will stand in your tutor group line. If you previously registered outside the ARB area during a fire alarm, please continue to do this.

Social distancing at school:

What will social distancing look like in the school?

You will be in a bubble of students in your year group. You need to follow the rules so that Year groups stay separate. It is important that you stay 2 metres away from adults. Classrooms are set up with a designated teacher area that is for the teacher only. All chairs are facing forward. Every class will have a seating plan and these must always be followed.

Will my lessons be very different?

Lessons will be as normal as possible. You will need to stay in your seat. You will need to listen carefully to instructions. Keep your books as normal. Most marking and assessments will be done via Showbie.

Do I need to wear a face covering?

We advise that you bring a face covering with you, just like you would if you were going to the shops. All face coverings must be appropriate, removable and must fit into your bag. If you wish to wear a face covering at school, please do. The official advice is that face coverings should have a separate plastic bag to be packed away into.

What are the key rules I need to be aware of?

1. Respect your space and the space of others
2. Sanitise hands when entering or leaving the classroom
3. Wipe down your work area
4. Follow the 'Ryn Road' to your next lesson
5. Stay in your seat within the classroom

School rules are displayed in each classroom. Teachers will also make sure you understand the rules of their classroom at the start of the term.

Will I have to help with cleaning?

We are all responsible to help keep ourselves and others safe. Your teacher will ask you to wipe your chair and desk at the end of a lesson.

When will I have to sanitise and wash my hands?

You will be expected to sanitise your hands before entry to each lesson. Sanitiser will be available throughout the school.

Has the school behaviour policy changed?

Our school expectations remain the same. It is now even more important that everyone follows the rules.

What do I do if I'm anxious or uncertain of something?

Ask us! Members of the support team will be available every lesson changeover to help you get to where you need to be.