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Dear Parents and Carers

Arrangements for the summer and September

We have now finalised our programme. Please keep this letter safe for future reference. We are at school until Friday if you wish to ring or email: 01899 764358; admin@jkhs.org.uk. This email address will be monitored over the summer and any urgent queries will be passed to staff. Please don't email staff directly.

I realise there is a lot of detail in this letter. We have tried to tell you everything you need to know in readiness for September. Do please read it carefully.

As Mr Griffiths stressed in his last weekly update, please do not worry about *anything* in the summer. Ensure students return well rested, in the correct uniform and with the right equipment, and we will do the rest!

September start back

Years 7, 11 and 12 will return on Thursday, 3rd September. They will be joined by Years 8, 9, 10 and 13 on Friday, 4th September.

On our return, students will be kept in year-group 'bubbles' for lessons and social time. They will be taught in designated areas of the school for most of their lessons. Students will move in groups to art, music, drama, technology, computer science, and PE lessons in specialist areas. We will undertake high-quality cleaning and hygiene arrangements for all facilities.

The "zones" for registration and most lessons are:

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| Year 7 | Humanities block, PE theory room, Conference Centre and the two ground-floor rooms in maths |
| Year 8 | The middle and upper floors in the maths block |
| Year 9 | The lower-school English rooms on the middle and upper floors |
| Year 10 | Main corridor MFL and history rooms |
| Year 11 | Science labs |
| Sixth form | Rooms on the sixth-form corridor plus 96, 32, 8, 122, 123 and the lower-study room |

We will ensure students know where to go, with plenty of staff on hand to guide them. These arrangements will be reviewed regularly. Clearly, we hope to get back to normal as soon as government regulations permit.

The zones for breaktimes and lunchtimes are as follows:

- Sixth form – common room and upper study room
- Year 11 - lower school yard
- Year 10 – upper school yard, sixth form block side (crowd barriers are in place to divide the yard)
- Year 9 – upper school yard, gym and art block side
- Year 8 – field, A40 side
- Year 7 – field, Ledbury Rd side



I attach a map showing the zones and the one-way system. I also attach a summary to show where tutor rooms will be for the period of the zoned timetable.

Has the school day changed?

Yes, slightly.

Breaks will be 5 minutes longer, including the afternoon change, to allow for cleaning and for staff to move classrooms.

School will end at 3.15 for Years 7, 8 and 9.

Staff will escort *all classes in all year groups* to the front gate (those wishing to leave by the back gate may do so) to preserve the bubbles, as far as possible. Students may board those buses which are waiting in the turning circle. For those whose buses have not arrived, staff will supervise them in bubbles near the front gate.

Will the canteen be open?

Yes, for breaks and lunchtimes, not for breakfast club.

There will be various serving points throughout the school, serving hot and cold 'grab-and-go' food at these times and from these locations:

- Canteen (Year 7 from 12.15-12.40, Year 8 from 12.45)
- Cabin (Sixth form from 12.0-12.30, then Year 10)
- Red corner (Year 11)
- Deli area (Year 9)

We cannot take cash payments in the canteen. The biometric system will be in use (sterilised between each student) and parents can top-up balances on line using ParentPay. We will send information about setting up a new account on ParentPay in due course.

If students wish to bring a packed lunch, they may, of course, do so.

Where do I go on my first day?

Year 7 students may use the front or back gates. On arriving at school, they should make their way to the main hall. You can get to this easily from the main drive. Parents, please do not come into school with your children unless you have telephoned ahead.

Year 12 students should make their way to the sixth-form area.

Staff will be on hand to help direct students.

What do I need to bring with me?

All years should bring their pencil case and stationery. Please include a glue stick, as we are unable to share equipment between students.

Do I need PE kit?

We are still awaiting final guidance from national bodies. In the meantime, we recommend you send pupils in with full PE kit from the first full week back. You won't need it for the first two days, 3rd and 4th September. Changing rooms will be used and cleaned regularly throughout.

Will buses run?

Yes. You can find timetables for JKHS and county-run services on the JKHS website at www.jkhs.org.uk/school-transport Drivers will not ask for passes for the first few days, so don't worry if you don't have one.

Government advice is for students to avoid using public transport where possible. Walking, cycling or car are the preferred methods of getting to school. If students use a Stagecoach public service bus, they must use a face mask.

Face masks are advised, but are not compulsory on dedicated school transport.

Students are advised to sit in year group bubbles on buses where possible.

Will there be exam results days?

Yes, we will be holding A level and GCSE exam days but they will be different from previous years. The dates are 13th August for A level and 20th August for GCSE.

We will email exams results to students' school email addresses at 8.00am on each results day.

If students wish to come into school and collect results in person, or to seek advice, they may do so at these times:

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| 9.00am-9.30am | Surnames A-F |
| 9.30am-10.00am | Surnames G-L |
| 10.00am-10.30am | Surnames M-R |
| 10.30am-11.00am | Surnames S-Z |

For both exam results days, parents may accompany students into school (*if students will let them!*). Please observe social distancing. We must avoid large groups of students, so once results have been collected, please leave the school site promptly. Senior staff, heads of year, the exams officer and the head of careers will be on hand to answer any questions from students or yourselves. Subject teachers will **not** be present on either day.

We have placed a document on the school website explaining the system of centre-assessed grades which replaced exams this year. We also have the dates of the autumn resit seasons, which are:

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| AS and A level | 5th-23rd October |
| GCSE | 2nd to 23rd November. |

Entry deadlines are tight – A level entries must be made by 4th September, most GCSE courses by 18th September and GCSE maths and English by 4th October.

Sixth Form registration, work and transport

You can contact us in two ways to confirm your place. Firstly, by coming into school where there will be staff available for a socially-distanced conversation. Secondly, by using e-mail at: christineharding@jkhs.org.uk where we need you to tell us you want your place. If you are unable to confirm on results day, then please contact school to arrange an alternative date and time.

Is there A-level transition work?

Yes. There are two phases of transition work available on the JKHS website. Both are accessed by using the STUDENT tab at the top of the homepage and are marked "Transition yr11-12". Once you open the transition page there is a link entitled "continue to part 2" that allows access to the new work. There are a range of tasks available for every subject, and some are marked for hand in when you start back in September. Mr Wallace also recommends looking at the free courses from the Open University as a good way of expanding knowledge, and preparing for advanced-level thinking. These can be found at:

<https://www.open.edu/openlearn/free-courses/full-catalogue>

Are there buses for sixth formers?

Yes. Students travelling on buses from Herefordshire will need to apply for Post-16 transport via Herefordshire Council website www.herefordshire.gov.uk . Students travelling from the Forest of Dean/Little Dewchurch/Much Birch may travel on buses run by John Kyrle High School. Please book a place by contacting Mrs Nicholls – katenicholls@jkhs.org.uk or direct line 01989 760392. A charge is made for post-16 bus transport.

Again, face coverings are recommended (and mandatory on service buses) and sixth formers should try to maintain bubbles/social distancing on buses.

And finally...

We love having visitors and showing people around our school. However, we have to limit the numbers of people on the site. Wherever possible, we will meet people virtually or use the phone. Please don't come on to site unless you have made an appointment.

You may wish to follow our social media on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Search for @JohnKyrleHigh. Any announcements or news over the summer will appear on these channels.

All the staff are really looking forward to welcoming new and existing students back to school in September. We are raring to go! Have a good summer.

Don't worry about anything!

Best wishes

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