

Friday 16th July 2021

Dear Parents,

We have made it to the end of what has been an incredibly challenging school year. A year in which we have been reminded of the importance of education, family and also routine. I have expressed my thanks to you many times this year, but for the final time, thank you to each and every one of you for the unfailing support, feedback, energy and help at these most challenging of times.

As we move into what we all hope is a more settled period, I want to take some time to outline how school will return in September and to be clear of what we need of you, our families, to make this happen:

School day

	Monday - Thursday		Friday
8.55	Gates close to students	8.55	Gates close to students
9.00	Period 1	9.00	Period 1
9.50	Period 2	9.50	Period 2
10.40	Break /TT	10.40	Break
11.00	TT/Break	11.00	Period 3
11.20	Period 3	11.50	Period 4
12.10	Period 4 (lunch 12.10 - 12.50 OR 1.00 - 1.40)	12.40	Period 5 (lunch 12.40 - 1.20 OR 1.30 - 2.10)
1.40	Period 5	2.10	Period 6
2.30	Period 6	3.00	End of the day
3.20	End of the day		

There are no more changes to the day but we will be starting our **early close on Fridays**.

There is no loss of learning time but we will lose tutor time on that day. This frees up staff for training and for time to run clubs for students throughout the year.

Entrance and exits

We will have 3 separate exits and entrances to the school:-

- Year 7 - through the gates next to the Art block
- Year 8 and 11 - at the back of the school next to PE
- Years 9 and 10 - through the main entrance

All gates will close at 8.55am. If your child is late they will need to come in through reception and will be required to make up lost time in a detention run by pastoral teams.



Uniform

We will return to our usual high expectations for uniform. PE kit will now need to be brought into school and changed into in the usual way. There will be no exceptions. If there is a particular challenge on a day please send your child in with a note which will need to be presented for countersigning to a member of the pastoral team before they enter the school.

If you are facing any challenges with purchasing a uniform then please do let us know so we can support. Some elements of uniform are only acceptable from the uniform shop Rough Cuts, and some can be purchased from high street retailers. This is to try and ensure we keep a balance of smart but affordable uniforms for all. Non uniform jumpers, sweatshirts or hoodies of any kind are **not** allowed. Students should wear their EGA jumper and a coat if they need additional protection.

	Rough cuts only	Can be purchased from elsewhere
Uniform		
EGA shirt either short or long in style	x	
EGA blouse pink or white with logo	x	
Straight legged grey school uniform trousers (not stretchy material or leggings)	x	x
Long sleeved plain shirt	x	x
EGA jumper or cardigan	x	
Plain grey, black or white socks or tights	x	x
Shalwar Kameez	x	
Headscarf in plain black or white		x
Plain black sensible shoes or trainers		x
Outdoor jackets should be plain in design		x
PE kit		
EGA jogging bottoms or black tracksuit (new)	x	
EGA pink t shirt with logo	x	
Dance kit		
Plain black leggings or jazz pants		x
Plain black t shirt		x



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Please remember makeup and false nails and nail varnish are not allowed in school and your child will be expected to remove it before coming into school.

These are the simple parts of school life and we don't want to waste energy and time managing these basic expectations. Our time needs to be spent developing students' learning and wellbeing so we please ask for your full support of the school in these matters.

School returns on **Friday 3rd September** for students in year 7 (9.00) and year 8 (9.30) and **Monday 6th September** for the whole school. Monday 6th will be week 1.

Testing

The Department for Education (DFE) is recommending all students are tested twice at school early in the Autumn term. For parents in years 8 to 11 the consent form you signed in March 2021 are still valid.

If you did not give consent in March and wish to give consent now please email admin@egas.org.uk If you gave consent and wish to withdraw consent please also email admin@egas.org.uk

If you are the parent of a new Year 7 student we will need your consent for your child to be tested. Consent forms will be emailed to you on Tuesday 24th August (paper copies will also be available at summer school)

Initial tests will take place from Tuesday 31st August to Thursday 2nd September. Each tutor group will get a time to come to school for their test (students will not need to wear uniform for test 1) Test 2 will be between Thursday 2nd September and Tuesday 7th September. The times for each tutor group to come into school will also be posted on the website on 24th August.

You will receive text/ email messages on Tuesday 24th August telling you your child's time to come into school for testing.

I wish you all a wonderful holiday and look forward to seeing you all in September.

Best wishes

Sarah Beagley
Headteacher

