



13 August 2021

Dear Parent / Carer

We hope you and your families are having a great summer. Please see below some important information regarding the start of the new academic year.

### Start of Term

Year 7 and Year 12 will start their academic year on Friday 3 September. This is to allow them to transition into their new surroundings, sort logistics such as biometric fingerprints and begin their lessons.

Year 7 will enter the academy via Festival Road and should arrive by 08:25. A letter from Mrs Gillatt will be sent next week which provides further details.

Y12 will enter through the pedestrian entrances on Sandygate and should arrive by 08:20.

All other year groups (8, 9, 10, 11 & 13) will start on Monday 6 September.

Please note that Y7-9 must arrive by 08:25 each day whilst Y10-13 must arrive by 08:20.

### Structure of the School Day

Please see below the structure of the school day for next year.

Year 7 - 9		
	Timings	Length
Period 1	08:30 - 10:00	90 mins
Break	10:00 - 10:25	25 mins
Period 2	10:25 - 11:55	90 mins
Lunch	11:55 - 12:40	45 mins
Tutor	12:40 - 13:00	20 mins
Period 3	13:00 - 14:40	100 mins

Year 10 - 13		
	Timings	Length
Period 1	08:25 - 10:05	100 mins
Break	10:05 - 10:20	15 mins
Period 2	10:20 - 12:00	100 mins
Tutor	12:00 - 12:25	25 mins
Lunch	12:25 - 13:05	40 mins
Period 3	13:05 - 14:45	100min
Period 4 (Y11 only)	14:45 - 15-45	60 mins

### 2021-2022 Term Dates

The academy term dates can be found via this link below:

<https://www.wathacademy.com/students-and-parents/term-dates>

### School Uniform

All students are expected to attend the academy in their full school uniform from their first day. A copy of the uniform policy can be accessed via the link below:

<https://www.wathacademy.com/students-and-parents/uniform-and-equipment>



## Wath Academy

Please note the changes to the skirt expectations, all skirts must be at least in line with the top of the knee cap. Additionally please note that Kickers shoes are no longer permitted. This was communicated with parents on 28 May 2021.

Students should wear the lanyard they were given last year and their house badge on the left lapel.

### Covid-19 Risk Assessment

As we have now moved to stage 4 in the governments road map we have re-written our Covid-19 risk assessment. You will be able to find the risk assessment on our website from September 1 2021. We will send a text message with a link when it is live.

Whilst schools are no longer expected to maintain the same measures as they did last year, we have decided to keep some. The following will remain in place:

- One way system
- Staggered lesson times (as seen above)
- Specific year group areas for social times.

### Asymptomatic Testing

The government have asked students to complete two onsite Lateral Flow Device tests before they return to school in September. In order to minimise disruption to learning, students will be tested on Tuesday 31 August and Friday 3 September (Y7 and 12 will have scheduled times whilst at the academy on the Friday).

All students (who have consented) can arrive at the academy anytime between 07:30 and 15:30 via the Festival Road entrance on both days. The testing will take place in the sports hall using the same system as we did in March.

Please provide consent for your child to take the Lateral Flow Device tests via the link below. Students who do not provide consent will not be required to test before returning to the academy and can therefore attend the academy as normal on their first day.

<https://forms.office.com/r/uQ1FskQKve>

Currently, the government are advising that the twice weekly home tests will continue until the end of September. We will be issuing the tests to students upon their return.

We hope you enjoy the remainder of summer and we are looking forward to welcoming our students back in September for the next academic year.

Yours sincerely

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