

SLK/rb – 4 September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Year 11 Return to School

I would like to begin by saying how excited we are to welcome Year 11 students back to school. We know that the last six months have been exceptionally challenging in different ways for all families and we are keen to welcome students back and to regain some normality in their education. I would like to offer reassurance that we are acutely aware that many young people and their parents/carers are anxious about time missed from school, the risks of catching COVID-19 and the long term implications of this global pandemic, amongst other things. Please know that we have amended the Life Skills lessons to support students on their return to school with a heavy focus on wellbeing and mental health, followed by other pertinent topics like Online Safety, Post 16 Options and Careers. We have a dedicated pastoral and well-being team to offer additional support to students should they need it.

Things will be different in school for the foreseeable future, but the strong links between home and school that were established during your child's time at TLES with us are still of high importance. I urge you to continue to liaise with your child's form tutor and contact me if you feel it necessary to do so. We are keen to build on the successes and progress achieved by the students last year, before and during lockdown. We will work hard to ensure their education is enriched with opportunities for rewards, celebration and fun, despite the necessary changes to their school experience.

Year 11 School Day:

10.20 – 11.10	Period 1
11.10 – 12.00	Period 2
12.00 – 12.20	Year 11 Break Time
12.20 – 1.10	Period 3
1.10 – 2.00	Period 4
2.00 – 2.30	Year 11 Lunch Time
2.30 – 3.20	Period 5
3.20 – 4.10	Period 6

These times are for Year 11 only, and the vast majority of lessons will be double periods (100 minutes), with a few exceptions such as Core PE & Life Skills/PSHE.

Year 11 students will return to school on Tuesday 8 September, during which they will spend the day with their form group and their form tutor completing various housekeeping tasks and work to support their return to school. Students will not need their PE kit on the first day. When they arrive at school every day, including on the first day, they must go straight to their classroom. The room that they must go to on the first day is outlined in the grid overleaf.

Tutor Group	11CAL	11CHL	11HAL	11SUL	11CAE	11CHE	11HAE	11SUE
Room	S10F	L3G	S9F	L5F	L2G	L1G	M9F	L4F

Students will be issued with their timetable on the first day back so they will know which room to go to on subsequent days.

Year 11 is an important time for students as they work towards their final GCSE exams, and whilst it presents many challenges, it also provides many opportunities. In these unusual and uncertain circumstances, we hope to ensure that every student is set up to be successful. We are continuing to build on the success of online home learning and it is vital that over the next year, students continue to demonstrate the resilience and independence that they have shown they are capable of. Although the school day and the way in which students will learn will be very different from previous years, students will need to self-motivate, engage with independent learning of their own, and ensure they ready to learn in all their lessons.

I am confident that our students' experiences over the coming year will encourage both personal and academic growth, and will allow them to build fond memories and lasting friendships.

Thank you in advance for your continued support, and if you have any concerns that you would like to share with me, then please get in touch.

Yours faithfully
The Long Eaton School

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Head of Year 11