



17 July 2020


Dear NCS Families

We are excited to welcome back to school all students from every year group in September. To ensure that students are able to settle back into life at NCS and adjust to necessary changes, we will be welcoming year groups back in in a staggered manner. Year 7 and VIth Form students will start their new school year on Thursday 3 September. We are aware that many of the Year 7 students have not seen our new school and so that day will be spent getting familiar to the new surroundings and meeting their tutor, Year 7 will be in school on Friday 4 September as usual. Years, 8, 9, 10 and 11 have a two hour slot on Friday 4 September, details below, when we will use this time with students to explain changes that are in place to support the health and well-being of all of our community in order for us to re-open fully and safely. All year groups will be in together and will be following their timetable from Monday 7 September.

Year Group	Day
7	Thursday 3 September and Friday 4 September 8:50am-3:10pm
8	Friday 4 September 9:15am-11:15am
9	Friday 4 September 9:45am-11:45am
10	Friday 4 September 12:15pm-2:15pm
11	Friday 4 September 12:45pm-2:45pm
Lower VI Form	Thursday 3 September 10:00am
Upper VI Form	Thursday 3 September 11:00am

Following guidance from the DfE, we are planning a number of changes and adjustments designed to keep everybody in the NCS community healthy and safe. These currently include:

- The organising of year groups into “bubbles” to minimise contact.
- Tutor groups will be assigned specific classrooms where tutor time and most lessons will take place.
- Where possible teachers will move, rather than students, to classes to minimize movement around school. Students will only move to specialist classrooms for practical subjects, such as Design Technology.
- Lunch and break time will be staggered and ‘zoned’ to keep year group ‘bubbles’ from mixing with each other.
- Students must not arrive onsite before 8:30am. We politely request that that you please drop students at the top of the drive and do not enter the main car park unless your child has access needs.

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- On the first day back to school, students will be inducted into all the new procedures.
- Sanitisers will be made available at the entrance to school and in each classroom and nearby and students will be expected to make use of this provision.
- Students are expected to bring and to use their own stationery.
- Extra cleaning, during the school day, of frequently touched surfaces will continue in the autumn term.

We are expecting further guidance from the Government in mid-August and will amend our plans based on the guidance. Following this, we write to you again with full and final details of the NCS return to school plans. Please make sure you check the My Ed App and the website regularly during the summer to avoid any confusion.

We look forward to welcoming all of our students back to NCS. Thank you once again for all your efforts to support remote learning. We wish you all a very restful, happy and safe summer. Stay safe, take care.

Kind regards

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