



much more than just a school



1 April 2021



Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for supporting us this term in making your child's return to school as smooth as possible. Alongside a return to school for all, the last few weeks have also seen Year 9 select their options and attend parents evening remotely, students across all years attended Havant's Youth Voice Conference and Year 11 embarked on assessments to add to their evidence portfolios for GCSEs.



We are excited that next term brings with it further changes and a move closer to 'normal'. After Easter, we will end Zone School. This will mean students move around the school to specialist classrooms where their teachers will meet them. This is an important step forward as Covid restrictions ease and will allow teachers and students to make full use of our school building to support their learning. Currently the advice is that students will still need to wear masks in corridors and in lessons. We will let you know if this changes.



**Timetables and planners**

Timetables are already live in INSIGHT, but hard copies will be given to all students, along with new planners, during period 1 of the first day back. This period will be spent with tutors preparing for the term. Please help your children to be fully prepared for success after Easter. They must arrive punctually each day, being on-site by 8.25 am, with their equipment, including books for the school day. Remember that you can view your child's timetable on INSIGHT - their lessons will not change, but the rooms they are taught in will.



**Uniform**

A reminder that school uniform includes a blazer, shirt, tie and black bottoms and black footwear for all students. We expect all students to be in full uniform after Easter. Facial piercings of any sort are not permitted in school, nor are false nails or eyelashes. Please do not allow your children to waste money on any of these things over the Easter break - they will be required to remove them for school.



Our summer uniform will be permitted later in the term as usual. We will inform you about the date when students can wear polo shirts, rather than a shirt and tie, once next term is underway.



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### **Mobile Phones**

School is one of the few places now that young people can switch off from social media and this is why mobile phones are not permitted at Park at all. If your child needs a phone for the journey to and from school, please remind them to hand it in to reception for safe keeping during the day. There have been a number of occasions in recent weeks where students have sent unkind messages or videos to each other out of school that have led to problems in school. Please ensure you check your child's social media regularly and do not allow them to engage in any nastiness on-line.

### **Year 9 Options**

Thank you for ensuring your children completed their choices on time. Final allocations will be shared later next half term.

### **Year 11**

Year 11 had a brief presentation today about provisional arrangements for the awarding of their GCSEs and their end of term. A separate letter will follow with details for Year 11 parents.

We look forward to seeing all students on Monday, 19 April 2021. We would like to wish you all a lovely Easter break and hope you get to enjoy some time with family in the sunshine - make sure you book your places at Connect4Families through [www.connect4.org.uk](http://www.connect4.org.uk) to enjoy some fun holiday activities.

Yours faithfully

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