

The De Montfort School

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Dear Year 13 Parents and Students,

Return to school in September 2020

When we return to school in September 2020, there will be a number of important changes to the curriculum, timetable and organisation of the Sixth Form that will affect Year 13 students.

Curriculum and timetable changes

- To enable students to catch up on the time that has been lost in their first year of Sixth Form study, we will be increasing the number of lessons from 5 to 6 sessions per week.
- To accommodate this increase in provision, it will be necessary to change the shape of the school day for our Sixth Form students. We will be running an extended day where some subjects will have lessons after school. These will be timetabled and are not optional. Staff have been incredibly generous in giving up their time to support the needs of our students.
- Because of the necessity of zoning all year groups into bubbles, Sixth Form lessons have been roomed in either the PS rooms, the Design Block – for ICT access, or in specialist facilities for Music and Performing Arts courses, where this is practicable.
- The EPQ course, which is normally completed in Year 12, will continue to have timetabled lessons until November 2020 when we can submit the students' project work.

Organisational and other changes

- Traditionally, Sixth Form students have been able to go out for lunch. From September 2020, this privilege will have to be suspended to reduce the risk of infection. Students will, therefore, need to bring a packed lunch with them to school. Once on site, students may not leave until their lessons are finished for the day.
- Students will continue to be grouped into tutor groups, although the rooming arrangements for these will change. Mr Hopkins tutor group will now be taken by Mr Lungley, Head of Year 13; the other tutor groups – 13CD and 13CWA - remain the same.
- Students will be allowed to leave the site once their lessons are over for that day
- We have increased Private Study facilities so that the Library and PS9 are solely available for Sixth Form use. We have also increased ICT capacity by installing 15 PCs in PS4.
- Staff will continue to use Google classroom to set homework and private study tasks and it will be our home learning vehicle should there be another lockdown. It is extremely important that all students use this facility. For this reason, we strongly advise all students to bring a laptop or Chromebook to school as this will now be an essential piece of equipment. If you would like further advice on machine specifications or financial assistance, please email me directly.

Supporting the Sixth Form has been the number one priority in our preparations for re-opening the school in September 2020. If you would like to discuss our plans further or have any further suggestions to make, please contact me directly by email at tdolan@tdms.worcs.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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