



23rd October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that both you and your families are well.

As you are no doubt aware, this has been a challenging term for all members of the Beacon Hill community. I write to first and foremost thank you for your on-going support during this unprecedented time.

I am delighted to inform you that our learners have fully embraced and adopted our many new routines. All of these measures were designed with two key things in mind. The first is to ensure that learners are kept as safe as possible and the second was designed to enable them to be immersed in as broad and enriching curriculum as possible on return to school.

When these new norms were initially devised, both my staff and I did not envisage them becoming long term measures. The unfortunate reality however is that COVID-19 is not likely to abate any time soon. Therefore, we are looking to make some enhancements to the offer made to our learners at present, whilst ensuring that a balance is continued to be struck with the need to make school as safe as possible.

First of all, we have reviewed the change in form time that we made at the beginning of the academic year. Upon your child's return to school on November 2nd, their form time session will return to the beginning of the school day. **Please see below the slight change of times to the start of the school day for some year groups.** We have decided to make this change to maximise curriculum time available for all year groups and to ensure that any pastoral support required can be focused upon arrival to school. Notably, we will begin to resume practical lessons at KS4 in subjects such as Drama, Technology, Music and Dance. Additional safety measures will be put in place and all risk assessments will be actioned in line with Public Health England, DfE and CLEAPPS guidance. This is an important step, as it will enable us to begin to expand our offer – thereby enabling a fuller curriculum for our learners to enjoy.

It is important to reassure you that the academy will continue to operate the stringent safety measures already in place. Learners will continue to arrive at the academy at different times and be taught in separate bubbles to minimise any contact between year groups. We will continue to enforce the wearing of masks in and around the school in all communal areas.

Year 11 Mock Exams

Year 11 learners will also start their Mock exams after half term and it is important that they revise over the coming weeks to ensure that they are fully prepared for these exams.



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Learners will receive individual timetables of their exams which will take place over a 2-week period. Some of these exams will take place during the afternoon and therefore Period 6 sessions will not be running from the week commencing **Monday 9th November** to **Friday 20th November 2020**. Period 6 will resume from the week commencing 23rd November 2020. On some days, the afternoon exams may run over well beyond the period 6 timings. Please see below the Mock time for Year 11 exams which should be used to help plan your son/daughters revision programme.

Year 11 Mock Timetable

Monday 9 th November	Tuesday 10 th November	Wednesday 11 th November	Thursday 12 th November	Friday 13 th November
AM: Maths Paper 2 (Foundation/Higher) (1 hour 30) PM: Geography Paper 1 (1 hour 30mins)	AM: English Language Paper 1 (1 hour 45) PM: Music (1 hour 30) Sport (1 hour) Health and Social Care (2 hours)	AM: Maths Paper 3 (Foundation/Higher) (1 hour 30) PM: Business Studies (1 hour 30 minutes) Child Development (1 hour 15 minutes) Engineering (1 hour)	AM: Science: Biology (Foundation/Higher) (1 hour 15/1 hour 45) PM: Religious Studies (2 hours) Enterprise and Marketing (1 hour 30 minutes) DT (2 hours)	AM: English Language Paper 2 (1 hour 45) PM: History Paper 1 (1 hour)
Monday 16 th November	Tuesday 17 th November	Wednesday 18 th November	Thursday 19 th November	Friday 20 th November
AM: Science: Chemistry (Foundation/Higher) (1 hour 15/1 hour 45) PM: French, German and Spanish Writing (Foundation/Higher) (1 hour 5 minutes/1 hour 20 minutes)	AM: History Paper 2 (2 hours) H+C (JC) PM: Business Studies (1 hour 30 minutes) Hospitality and Catering (1 hour 30 minutes)	AM: Science: Physics (Foundation/Higher) (1 hour 15/1 hour 45) PM: Geography Paper 2 (1 hour 30 mins) Computer Science (1 hour 30 minutes)	AM: English Literature (55 minutes) PM: Religious Studies (2 hours) Drama (1 hour 45 minutes)	AM: French, German and Spanish Reading (Foundation/Higher) (45 minutes/1 hour)

Maths Paper 1 (Foundation/Higher) (1 hour 30 minutes) will be completed during periods 2 and 3 on Friday 6th November

*French, German and Spanish listening exams to be facilitated in the first lesson on W/C 23rd November
Foundation learners to stay in their normal rooms (three additional rooms to be found + invigilators for Higher learners)*

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your valuable time and continued support. I wish you and your family a happy and restful half term.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr S Dhami
Principal

Please see the new timings of the day:

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Learners arrive between	8.15 – 8.35	8.15 – 8.35	8.35 – 8.45	8.35 – 8.45	8.15 – 8.35
Registration/Assembly	8.40 - 9.00	8.40 - 9.00	8.45 - 9.00	8.45 - 9.00	8.40 - 9.00
Period 1	9.00 - 10.00	9.00 - 10.00	9.00 - 10.00	9.00 - 10.00	9.00 - 10.00
Break 2a	10:00 – 11:00	BREAK 10.00-10.15	10:00 – 11:00	10:00 – 11:00	BREAK 10.00-10.15
Period 2		10.15-11.15			10.15-11.15
Break 2b	BREAK 11.00 – 11.15		BREAK 11.00 - 11.15	BREAK 11.00 - 11.15	
Period 3	11.15-12.15	11.15-12.15	11.15-12.15	11.15-12.15	11.15-12.15
Period 4a (Lunch Yr 8 & 11)	12.15-12.45	LUNCH 12.15-12.45	12.15-12.45	12.15-12.45	LUNCH 12.15-12.45
Period 4b (Lunch Yr 7)	LUNCH 12.45-1.15	12.45-1.15	12.45-1.15	12.45-1.15	12.45-1.15
Period 4c (Lunch Yr 9 & 10)	1.15-1.45	1.15-1.45	LUNCH 1.15-1.45	LUNCH 1.15-1.45	1.15-1.45
Period 5	1.45-2.45	1.45-2.45	1.45-2.55	1.45-2.55	1.45- 2.45/ 2.55
Period 6					3.05-3.45

MFL Gate: locked at 8.45am

Year 7 learners will receive a line for Late to school after 8.40 am on MFL gate.

Year 9 learners will receive a line for Late to school after 8.45am through the main entrance.

Field Gate: locked at 8.45am

Year 8 learners will receive a line for Late to school after 8.40am on field gate (then through main entrance after 8.45am)

Main Gate: locked at 8.45am

Year 11 learners will receive a line for Late to school after 8.40am on Main gate.

Year 10 learners will receive a line for Late to school after 8.45am through the main entrance