

31 March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

## End of Spring Term & Start of Summer Term – Years 7, 8 & 9

Please read about the details of the end of the Spring Term and the start of the Summer Term.

### The End of the Spring Term

We marked the anniversary of the first national lockdown last week and, after another challenging period of remote learning, it has been wonderful to have the students back in school. Hopefully the next period of schooling will suffer from less disruption.

The Spring Term concludes on **Thursday 1 April** and I know that my staff and I look forward to a much-needed break. I hope that you can enjoy some form of rest too!

- Students on free school meals will be able to get their lunch during an extended morning break.
- All students will leave the site at the end of period 4 at 1.00pm.

### The Start of the Summer Term & Phases of Return to School

Our Summer Term starts on **Tuesday 20 April**. Please note the changes below for Years 7, 8 and 9.

As the country moves out of lockdown, we are also planning to return to normal education provision and we will be doing this in phases, aligned to the government's 'roadmap'.

We have based our decision-making not just on the improving COVID-19 data, but also the low incidence of positive cases in school and the educational need to return to a normal timetable.

#### PHASE 1: FROM TUESDAY 20 APRIL – FRIDAY 14 MAY

The staggered start and end of the school day is removed, so senior students will be starting school at period 1, a change from the past two terms. Year 7, 8 and 9 students will continue to start **school at 8.30am**. The school gates will be opened between 8.20 and 8.25am.

- Year 7 are to continue to enter school via the entry gate on Ridgeway Road.
- Year 8 are to continue to enter school via the pedestrian gate on Church Road.
- Year 9 are to continue to enter school via the exit gate on Ridgeway Road.

We will retain our year groups in "bubbles" during this phase; designated teaching areas and all other safety measures will remain in place. There will be small timetable changes for the summer term, so students should **check their new timetables** on the INSIGHT app ahead of the start of term. Timetables will be uploaded by Monday 19 April.

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## PHASE 2: FROM MONDAY 17 MAY – FRIDAY 18 JUNE

Subject to the rate of infection remaining low, we will return to a normal school timetable, with full movement around the school and subject teachers returning to their teaching rooms. This will enable a better delivery of the curriculum, especially for the practical and creative subjects where students will be able to access all specialist teaching areas.

## PHASE 3: FROM MONDAY 21 JUNE

Our plan at this stage is to remove the strict adherence to “bubbles” as the country leaves lockdown. This will be made a little easier in school as by this time our Year 11 and 13 students will have left school. Of course, this final move will depend on the circumstances at the time.

## Mass Testing – Over the Holiday

Many of our students have continued to self-test at home. We are all grateful for your support and commitment to the safety of our community. To date, we have only recorded one positive case of COVID-19.

Students should continue to self-test twice a week at home over the holiday period, and results need to be recorded on [Test Register](#). Please also email [school@isleworthsyon.org](mailto:school@isleworthsyon.org) if your son/daughter/ward returns a positive test.

If any student tests positive, they need to book a confirmatory PCR test via [nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://nhs.uk/coronavirus) or by calling 119.

Home test kits for parents/carers can also be collected from a test centre. You can find a test centre [here](#).

## Free School Meals

Vouchers for the holiday period will be issued on Thursday 1 April. If you think you have become eligible for free school meals, you can apply [here](#).

Thank you for all of your ongoing support and I wish you a peaceful holiday.

Yours faithfully,



**Euan Ferguson**  
Headteacher