

Beaumont School

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Dear Parents/Carers of Year 7 and 8 students

I would like to start by saying how brilliant the students in Year 7 and 8 have been throughout this academic year in their class bubbles. As a school we are fully aware that they are currently not experiencing the normal 'Beaumont School Experience,' however, we are hopeful that over the course of next term we will gradually start to be able to move towards this.

As a start, as long as the Government do not reverse any of the stages they have currently put in place, we intend to move Year 7 and 8 into Year group bubbles, as opposed to the class group bubbles they are currently in, immediately after the Easter holidays. What will this mean?

Year 7

Arrival at school: This will be the same as now with students lining up in their form groups ready to wash hands.

Break times and lunchtimes: They will now have a set area that is the Year 7 area. This will be half of the Astroturf (closest to the Science Block end) to be able to play games and run around, and half of the back playground. Here they will be able to mix with other form groups. In the dining hall they will be able to sit where they wish and with whom they wish.

Lessons: Maths will now be set across a half Year group. BLEA will be set into five classes, and RNS will be set into four classes. Students will find out their new class when they receive their timetable on Tuesday 13 April. Although we will be keeping year group classrooms, we will be re-rooming their lessons to introduce the idea of moving from one lesson to another. This will require students to pack all their belongings up at the end of each lesson and take their bags with them to the next lesson, they will no longer be able to leave everything in the one classroom. Where possible, within the constraints of all the procedures we have in place for all year groups, we will try to get them to specialist rooms for Music, Drama and Art.

Year 8

Arrival at school: This will be the same as now with them lining up in their form groups ready to wash hands.

Break times and lunchtimes: They will now have a set area that is the Year 8 area. This will be half of the Astroturf (closest to the Language Block end) to be able to play games and run around, and half of the back playground (closest to the new eating block). Here they will be able to mix with other form groups. In the dining hall they will be able to sit where they wish and with whom they wish.























Lessons: Maths will go back to the sets across a half-year group (the same as when they were in Year 7). Although we will be keeping year group classrooms, we will be re-rooming their lessons (they will stay in the same form room for tutor time) so students have to move between lessons, rather than staying in the one classroom. Where possible, within the constraints of all the procedures we have in place for all year groups, we will try to get them to specialist rooms for Music, Drama and Art. Students will get their new timetables on Tuesday 13 April.

I hope that as we pass the Government's announcements in May we will be able to relax even more of the safety guidance from the Department for Education regarding the Coronavirus pandemic and be able to get back to the normal Beaumont School day as well as lessons in specialist rooms for nearly all subjects. I know that both the staff and students are looking forward to this time.

I finish by wishing you all a happy and safe Easter holiday and look forward to seeing all the students back after the break.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Atkinson Headteacher