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Return to School: March 2021

Dear Parent or Carer

Yet again, I am writing to welcome everyone back from another lockdown. However, this one is different. The vaccine has shown to be incredibly effective and the roll out of this is going well. The virus rates are declining, and we have a better understanding of how to create a safe working environment for all.

We know that we have made the school as safe as possible with strong routines that we need your support in making sure that these are followed. We have:

- A one way system to ensure that students move around the building calmly and orderly
- Handwashing stations on entry and hand sanitiser in the classrooms
- Zones for students to keep the bubbles as separate as possible
- Extra ventilation systems in the classrooms

Two changes in Secondary from our reopening in September are:

- 1) Face coverings – these are now mandatory in all indoor spaces, including classrooms.
- 2) Testing – for those who have given consent, students will be tested three times in the first week in school and then twice a week at home.

It has been a challenging few months but I look forward to welcoming all students back to school on the 8th March

Return to School

All students will return to school on Monday 8th March 2021.

Start and finish times will apply as they did in September; further details can be found on page three of this document.

Zoning of the school

The school has been zoned to support the delivery of the curriculum; reduce student movement and ensure that the bubbles are always kept apart. Y7 and Accelerator have their own specific bubble, all other students will have a mix of bubbles to support their lessons.

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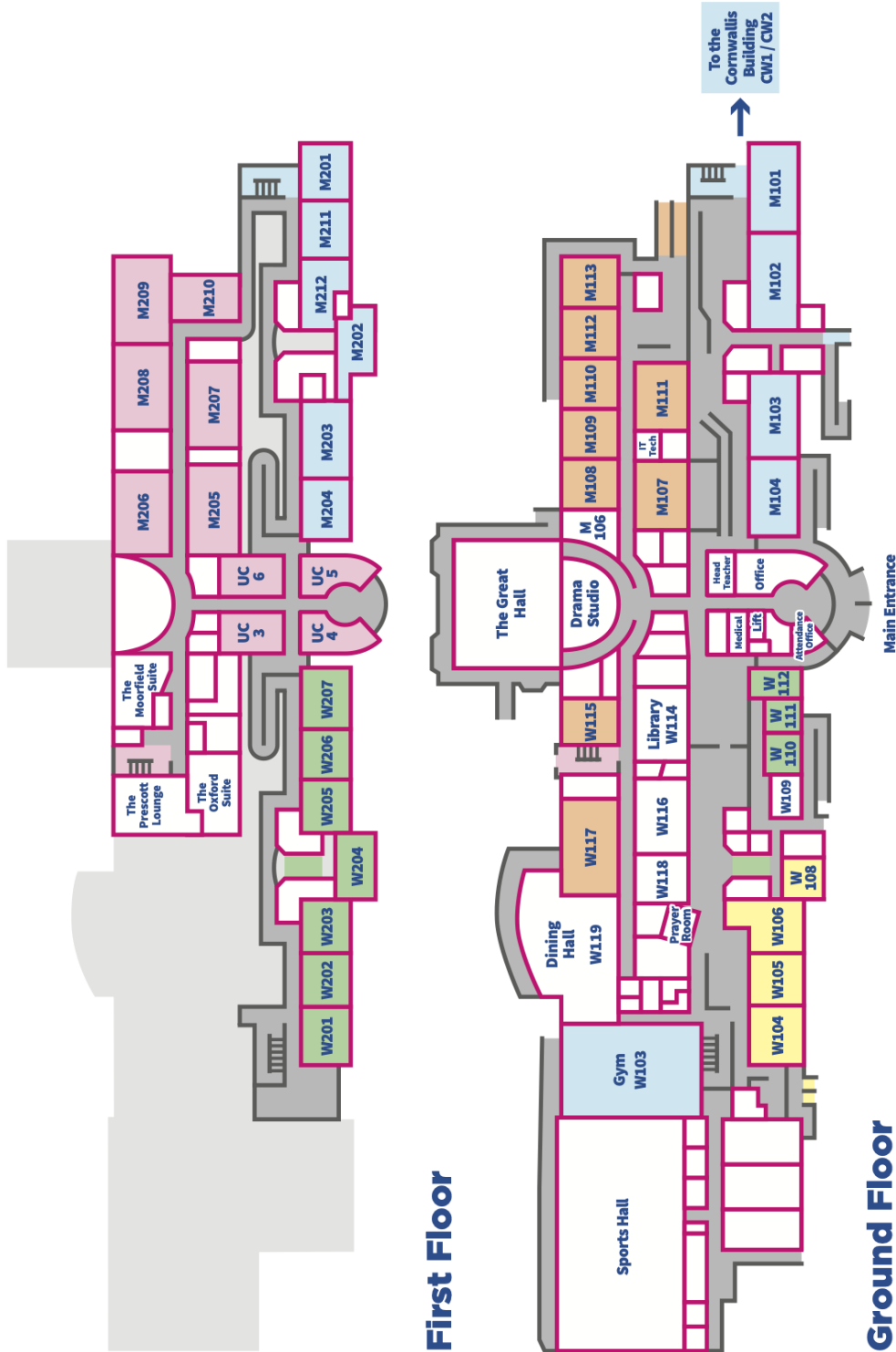
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The timetable has been changed to reduce student movement. This has led to longer lessons but fewer of them. Please see the adjusted start and end times.

Monday

	Lesson 1				Break/Character		Lesson 2				Lesson 3				Exit	
Start	8:20 - 8:50	8:50 - 9:20	9:20 - 9:50	9:50 - 10:20	10:20 - 10:40	10:40 - 11:00	11:00 - 11:30	11:30 - 12:00	12:00 - 12:30	12:30 - 13:00	13:00 - 13:30	13:30 - 14:00	14:00 - 14:30	14:30 - 15:00	15:00 - 15:30	
7 8:00 - 8:15	Lesson 1				Character	Break	Lesson 2				Lunch	Lesson 3				15:30
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9 8:00 - 8:15	Lesson 1				Break	Character	Lesson 2	Lunch	Lesson 2		Lesson 3				15:35	
10 8:15 - 8:30	Lesson 1				Break	Character	Lesson 2	Lunch	Lesson 2		Lesson 3				15:35	
11 8:15 - 8:30	Lesson 1				Character	Break	Lesson 2				Lunch	Lesson 3				15:40

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

	Lesson 1				Break/Character		Lesson 2		Lesson 3				Exit	
Start	8:20 - 8:50	8:50 - 9:20	9:20 - 9:50	9:50 - 10:20	10:20 - 10:40	10:40 - 11:00	11:00 - 11:30	11:30 - 12:00	12:00 - 12:30	12:30 - 13:00	13:00 - 13:30	13:30 - 14:00	14:00 - 14:30	
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11 8:15 - 8:30	Lesson 1				Character	Break	Lesson 2		Lesson 3		Lunch	Lesson 3		14:40

Friday

	Lesson 1				Break/Character		Lesson 2				Exit
Start	8:20 - 8:50	8:50 - 9:20	9:20 - 9:50	9:50 - 10:20	10:20 - 10:40	10:40 - 11:00	11:00 - 11:30	11:30 - 12:00	12:00 - 12:30	12:30 - 13:00	
7 8:00 - 8:15	Lesson 1				Character	Break	Lesson 2				13:00
8 8:00 - 8:15	Lesson 1				Character	Break	Lesson 2				13:00
9 8:00 - 8:15	Lesson 1				Break	Character	Lesson 2				13:05
10 8:15 - 8:30	Lesson 1				Break	Character	Lesson 2				13:05
11 8:15 - 8:30	Lesson 1				Character	Break	Lesson 2				13:10

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Break and Lunchtime

- There will be no food service at break time. Please bring a snack from home if you want to.
- Break and lunch will be spent in separate zones for each year group
- If you have school lunch, you must pay for it a week in advance through ParentPay. There will be limited options.
- Lunch will be delivered each day to the dining space for each year group

Contacting school

In order to keep the school site as safe as possible we have made some changes to parent meetings. As from September the following will happen=:

- There will be no parent meetings on site
- No cars will be allowed on site
- Should you wish to contact the school, please email the school using the relevant email with your child's name as the subject.
 - Y7@thehalifaxacademy.org
 - Y8@thehalifaxacademy.org
 - Y9@thehalifaxacademy.org
 - Y10@thehalifaxacademy.org
 - Y11@thehalifaxacademy.org

Or you can phone the main school. Please leave a message if it is not answered.

Face Coverings

As I'm sure you will be aware, The Government guidance regarding face coverings for students in Secondary settings has changed.

Secondary students (excluding those that are medically exempt) are now being advised to wear a face covering in classrooms, as well as during lesson changeover and in communal areas, including break and lunch time.

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Families and students should be mindful of the following guidance:

- Students should cover their nose and mouth with coverings and not wear it on their lower half of their faces.
- Hands should be washed before and after wearing coverings. Hand sanitiser/washing facilities will be readily available around our building.
- Students should not share face coverings or interfere with face coverings belonging to other students.
- Students must not use face coverings as an opportunity for misconduct.
- Students wearing hijab, should not use these as face coverings but rather use coverings provided.
- Students will be required to dispose of coverings at the end of the day.
- Students having trouble wearing face coverings are asked to seek help from the pastoral team to support with this.

What do I do if my child or I am feeling unwell?

If you, or any member of your family are feeling unwell with the following symptoms:

- Persistent new cough
- High temperature
- Flu like symptoms
- Loss of smell or taste

You must contact the school and then stay at home until you have had a test. Upon having a test, you must then isolate with your entire family until you receive the result. Once you have received your test result, please contact school again to discuss the next steps.

What will you do if there are cases in school?

Should there be any confirmed cases in school, we will contact Public Health immediately to seek advice. Where necessary we will keep year groups at home and the worst case scenario would mean we would have a full school closure.

Yours sincerely

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