

24<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

I thought it timely that I write to you with an update regarding the arrangements for school after the May half term holiday.

**The School Day:**

Regarding the timings of the school day, they will remain unchanged. Students will continue to attend for their tutorial session at 8.45am each morning and we will continue with the current timetable until at least the 21st of June.

Students will continue to enter and exit the site via their current gate. However, with Year 11 and Year 13 students leaving, the Year 10 bubble will now increase to include B and C Block. I am pleased to say this will not only provide more flexibility for lessons and specialist rooms but will also increase the social areas available to Year 10 students. These changes will be explained to students in tutorial prior to May half term.

**Work Experience Week:**

All Year 10 students will be completing a week of virtual work experience on their return from the half term holidays. Please find the schedule below. For students to make the most of this experience, please encourage your child to be in their form room by 8.45am each morning. The Year 10 pastoral team will be sending students important links to some exciting live events during the week.

They can find links to the live talks in their e-mail. We will also be hosting a live construction event for students interested in this field – they can also find this link in their e-mail.

	<b>Tutor Time (8.45am)</b>	<b>After School (2.45pm)</b>
Monday	Staff at WBHS – careers paths video	NHS Careers Talk (sign up link via e-mail)
Tuesday	Things to consider for your career in the future	Legal Careers Talk (sign up link via e-mail)
Wednesday	Job interview prep 1	STEM Careers (sign up link via e-mail)
Thursday	Job interview prep 2	Apprenticeships talk (sign up link via e-mail)
Friday	Mock Interviews	N/A

**Year 10 End of Year Assessment Week:**

As you are already aware, your child will be having a week of assessments starting on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June. Students will receive a pack of revision resources during tutorial, as well as a list of topics to revise for each subject. All Year 10 students should be proactive in their revision over the half term holidays and use the advice given regarding revision timetables. They can access these revision

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resources, as well as the tutorial on the Year 10 SharePoint area. If you have any further questions about the assessment week, please contact the Year 10 pastoral team.

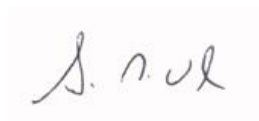
**Lateral Flow Tests:**

Can I also take this opportunity to remind you to continue using the lateral flow tests twice a week. We recommend Wednesday evening or Thursday morning and Sunday evening or Monday morning. This is particularly important given the risk of the new variant within North Tyneside.

**Conclusion:**

I wish you and our students a happy May half term break and thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully



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