

25<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 8.40am each morning and we will continue with the current timetable until at least the 21<sup>st</sup> June.

Students will continue to enter and exit the site via their current gate. Although Year 9 will remain in the A Block Bubble, with Year 11 and Year 13 students leaving, we will be able to increase the space available to students during break times. These changes will be explained to students in tutorial prior to May half term.

**Option Process:**

We were all so impressed with the smooth way Year 9 returned to school life after lockdown. Most students have now chosen their subject choices for GCSE. Students are to be praised for the serious and sensible way that they approached this process and reflected on their decisions in their guidance meetings. If students want to discuss their options further, please ask them to email a member of the Year 9 team who are happy to talk through any questions they may have.

**Extra-curricular Activities:**

We are delighted with the number of Year 9 students who have got involved in extra-curricular opportunities this half term. We suggest that all Year 9 students regularly check their school email to find out about any new initiatives or opportunities that may interest them. Some of the current clubs on offer at the moment are creative writing club, film club, science club as well as a range of sports activities.

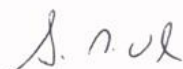
**Lateral Flow Tests:**

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 sincerely



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