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Welcome back to Derby Moor Spencer Academy!

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we are all preparing for our students return to education this September, I wanted to take the time to write to you all to explain what students can expect on their first day back. Whilst I hope this letter contains all the broad information you need to know, students will be taken through everything in detail during their induction upon their return.

I would like to use this opportunity to introduce myself and our team and wish our year 11 the best of luck in their final stages of KS4. My name is Alma Hrnčić and I am Progress Achievement leader for Year 11. Alongside me, is Mr O'Connell who will be operating as Head of Year. Together, we will be doing our best to look after our students as a whole. We pride ourselves on high achievement and as part of my role as a Progress Achievement Leader I am going to be working closely with our Year 11 students to support in achieving the best they can in their upcoming exams.

Returning to School

In line with the most recent Government Guidance, we will be offering on site Covid-19 tests to all students the day before their scheduled start of term and a second 3-5 days later. After this we will resume sending test kits home with students to conduct at home. In order to allow your child to participate in testing, please complete the online form here: <https://forms.gle/ZZWMh4LvtugraEGU9> If you are viewing a paper copy of this letter, this link is also available on the latest Principal's Update on the school website.

In order to facilitate testing for each year group, we will be having a staggered return in a similar fashion to last year. Here are the key dates for Year 11:

Year Group	Test Date	Test Time	First Day of Term	Arrival Window	Assembly Point	Entrance to School
11	Tuesday 7 th September	12:30pm – 4:00pm	Wednesday 8 th September	08:30am – 08:40am	Blue Dots	Assembly Hall

All students will be expected to arrive on time and enter the school within their arrival window, ready to enter form and begin the Tutor Period at 08:40am. All Year 11 forms will be based on **Dedication** Floor. Please note, school will end at 3.05pm, with the exception of Wednesday when school ends at 2.55pm.

Pastoral/Academic Issues

Feedback from parents and students gathered at the end of last Academic Year highlighted some confusion over which member of staff to report specific problems. Please use this guide to direct any queries to the relevant member of staff:

Mr O'Connell – Pastoral Issues

- Safeguarding concerns
- Reports of bullying



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Mrs A. Hrncic – Academic Issues

- Concerns about progress in a particular class/subject
- Options queries
- Data Point queries
- Extra-Curricular/Careers Opportunities
- Homework
- Attendance

We will also both respond to any incidents throughout the day. Please be aware that I do also teach so may not always be available to speak on the phone but I will always get back to you when I am able.

What about Form Time?

Please see a breakdown of the Year 10 Form Groups below:

Form	Tutor	Room
11 RBA (was TBA)	Miss Bate	DE5
11NAK	Mrs N.Akhtar	DE8
11HHO	Mr H.Hough	DE10
11EGA	Mrs E.Gallagher	DE11
11JBA	Mrs J. Bahia	DE9
11SLA	Miss S. Lancaster	DE6
11LBU	Miss L. Burrell	DE7
11MCL (was JOS)	Miss M. Clarke	DE4
111DRU	Mrs D.Rudd	DE14
11NMA (was MAS)	Mr N.Majid	DE12

As state before, all forms are on Dedication Floor. Students will be expected to enter through the Assembly Hall entrance, up the Learning Hub stairs to Dedication floor, then go straight into their form room.

What are our expectations of behaviour and conduct?

Students should be expected to arrive to school on time, in full uniform and will the appropriate equipment to ensure a strong start to their academic year. Year 11 have been at Derby Moor Academy long enough to be familiar with our usual expectations but for the avoidance of any doubt, I would suggest they arrive with the following:

- A black or blue pen for writing, a green pen for peer assessing and a red for self-assessment.
- A pencil and sharpener.
- A rubber (Tippex is not permitted).
- A ruler.

Please also be aware that the school was implemented a new **one-way system** to ease students travel around the school. Students will be taken through this during their induction on their first day back.



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What about Uniform?

Here is a full breakdown of acceptable items of Uniform as per our Uniform Policy:

- Academy Blazer – black with Academy Logo
- Plain long or short sleeved shirt – white and a collar
- Academy clip-on tie
- V-Neck Sweatshirt – black with Academy Logo
- Plain, business cut trousers – black
- Formal skirt – black and a suitable length for school
- Kameez -Plain black, plain cotton, straight line, mid-calf length dress with round neck and long or short sleeves
- Scarf/Chunni/ Dupatta - Plain black or white, plain cotton scarf
- Plain, sensible, black shoes that are able to be polished
- Due to students being required to spend social time outside, I would advise you to also ensure students attend school with a warm, ideally waterproof jacket.
- Students will be given coloured lanyards denoting their year group. This is to ensure all staff members can see year groups are remaining socially distanced even if they aren't familiar with the year group.

Here is a list, based on my experience as a form tutor and teacher, of items of clothing or accessories not acceptable for uniform:

- Hoodies of any sort
- Skin tight trousers, leggings or skinny jeans
- Skinny fit or short skirts
- Shoes with logos or featuring coloured designs
- Facial piercings of any kind (except one small stud in each ear)
- Excessive make up, false nails and other cosmetic nuisances

Students will still be expected to bring their PE kit with them to school on relevant days. This consists of a PE top with the school logo and the appropriate coloured panelling denoting the students' house, tracksuit bottoms or shorts (I would account for packing both due to changes in weather) and appropriate footwear for outdoor/indoor sports like trainers. Students will receive the appropriate sanction for missing/inappropriate items of uniform.

What are the key dates I need to be aware of?

I would like to use this opportunity to draw your attention to some important up and coming dates. You will be given more information about these events and the way we will be holding them closer to the time, but for now they are as follows:

- **Next Steps Event** – 15th September 2021, Year 11 students will be delivered a talk on Post 16 options during special assembly, where we are planning to invite external providers i.e. college, apprenticeships etc.



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Key Dates Continued

Inset Days (students not in school)	Drop Down Days (students must attend)
1 st – 3 rd September 2021	Friday 15 th October 2021
Friday 8 th October 2021	Thursday 20 th January 2022
Monday 10 th January 2022	Tuesday 22 nd March 2022
	Monday 4 th July 2022

Mock exam weeks
November mock exam series commences: w/b 01/11/2021 – 12/11/2021
March mock exam series commences: w/b 28/02/2022 – 11/03/2022

Parents Evenings
Wednesday 1 st December 2021
Wednesday 30 th March 2022

Due to the Covid guidelines we will inform you closer to the date in what format these will take shape in but in the meantime we are sending them to you for information only.

I hope that I have covered all of your primary questions and queries in this correspondence so we can have a confident and effective start to the new term as we begin the transition back into normality. If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact either myself – a.hrncic@derbymoora.derby.sch.uk or Mr O'Connell – k.o'connell@derbymoora.derby.sch.uk. Alternatively, you may ring the school and ask to speak to us and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

Kind regards,

Mrs A. Hrncic
Teacher of Business & Year 11 Progress Achievement Leader