



19 July 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

### End of Year Letter, Results' Day Arrangements and Timings for September

Firstly, I would like to start by thanking all our parents, carers and school community for your continued support throughout this turbulent year. The pandemic has made it difficult for schools to navigate assessments, closure of bubbles and academic support but I am proud of how our school has worked so hard to continue to provide for all our students this year.

I am also delighted to be able to send you this letter after such an incredibly successful transition over to our new Trust, SNMAT. External reviews have repeatedly informed us that West Grantham Church of England Academy is a school that is showing 'demonstrable impact' and is well on the way for the next stage of its journey.

As you are aware, from Parent Hub, our school closes for the summer on Wednesday, 21 July 2021. We reopen to all our students on Monday, 6 September 2021. On the last day of term, there will be normal lessons for periods 1 and 2, followed by extended tutor time before students leave at 12.30 pm. For those students who are entitled to free school meals, there will be packed lunches available for collection. On Monday, 6 September we ask that Year 7 and Year 11 start school at 8.30 am, Year 9 students will begin their new school year at 1.00 pm and Years 8 and 10 at 2.00pm. All students should enter the school, from September, via the front entrance and for those that would like to take advantage of the free breakfast offer, the doors will be open from 8.15 am from the second day onwards. Please be aware that, although we are planning to return to normal school operations, this may change at any time during the foreseeable future, depending on the local and national situation with the pandemic. We, of course, hope to be able to offer a more stable school life to our pupils, parents and staff but we will be subject to any guidance or rules issued by the government or Local Authority. We will do our best to contact parents and keep you up to date if there are any changes to any of this information before September.

We will, as per the Department for Education guidance, begin Covid testing of all students from the first day back. As students come into school, they will go to their form base and be brought down for testing in small groups. If you do not give consent for your child to be tested, please inform the office, via email ([office@wgacademy.org.uk](mailto:office@wgacademy.org.uk)), of your child's name and year group so that we do not include them in our testing procedure. Testing arrangements will be similar to this year where we turned the sports hall into a space where all students could be tested quickly and safely under the guidance of trained members of staff. All testing procedures are supported by a thorough risk assessment that can be found on the school website.

From 6 September, all students will be expected to be in school from 8.30 am and will finish at 3.00 pm. There will be additional timetabled support for Year 11 students and Year 11 parents will receive notification of this support in September. Year 7 students will spend their first week doing transition activities, as detailed in the previous transition letter, whilst all other year groups will be in their normal lessons. All students will be given their lesson timetables on their first day back. There will also be assemblies, to provide vital information, on the first day back for all students. Whilst the wearing of facemasks is not mandatory, any students who wishes to wear a facemask in school can do so.

As a reminder, our school policies outline the need for all students to be in school for 100% of the school day and bring the correct equipment to school, in order to engage fully in learning. All students must have a black pen, green pen, pencil and ruler as a minimum requirement. Students must also ensure they bring the correct PE kit and be in full school uniform with a suitable school bag. We recognise, as an academy, that high standards of dress impact on the work and motivation of students. School uniform can be bought from local suppliers and details can be found on the school website via [www.wgacademy.org.uk/parents/uniform/](http://www.wgacademy.org.uk/parents/uniform/)

With regard to PE, this year we have altered our PE kit in line with new government recommendations which provides greater choice for students. All pupils are expected to bring appropriate PE kit to all lessons and those that fail to do so will be provided with clean garments in order to ensure full participation in the lesson. All logo kit can be purchased via the school website via [www.wgacademy.org.uk/parents/uniform](http://www.wgacademy.org.uk/parents/uniform) From September, we are pleased to be able to offer the option of wearing black sports leggings. These must be proper sports polyester style leggings without markings or patterns as outlined on the school website.

Finally, a huge congratulations to all our Year 11s who have worked so hard and shown incredible resilience in the face of a demanding GCSE assessment schedule. Results Day this year will be on Thursday 12 August, and we ask that students come in groups to collect their results, and speak to staff, in order to maintain social distancing.

Please can Year 11 form groups come between the following times:

- Mrs Bainbridge (11TBR): 9am - 9.40am  
Mrs Allery (11RA): 9.40am - 10.20am  
Mrs Dray (11RD): 10.20am - 11am

There will be staff around to speak to Year 11s and share in their celebrations on the day and we really look forward to seeing all Year 11s then.

It goes without saying that I hope all students, their families and our staff have a long, safe and relaxing summer break and I look forward to seeing you again in September. The school will be largely closed over the summer break but, if you have any queries, please contact the office and we will try to pick up your concerns when staff are in the building.

Many thanks.

Yours faithfully,



Clare Barber  
Head of Academies