

Normanby News

Monday 7 September 2020

Hello everyone

I hope that you've all enjoyed the summer holidays. The weather hasn't been brilliant over the last few weeks has it, but it was amazing back in April and May. Whatever you've been up to over the last 7 weeks, I hope you're remaining healthy and looking forward to coming back to school this week.

When I was a school student myself and throughout my teaching career I've always really enjoyed coming back to school in September, once I've got over the initial shock of having to get up on time each morning and get myself organised. And that's definitely the case this year too! Although most of the new Year 11 came in for some lessons in June and July and a number of students were coming into the Learning Centre each day throughout lockdown, we've not seen many of you in class since the national school closure began on March 20th. Do you remember the 'guard of honour' we gave to the Year 11 and 13 students as we clapped them out of school on their last day? I was so proud of you all that afternoon and indeed throughout lockdown for the way in which you've engaged with the remote learning that we set up for you. That's why I'm looking forward to the start of term – Caedmon students and staff are amazing to work with!

I'd particularly like to welcome all of our new Year 7 students – nearly 150 of them this year, our biggest year group in school. Having met you and your parents during the last week of the summer term, I know you're all going to settle in really well and quickly become fantastic members of our school community. I'm sure that all of you in Years 8 to 11 will help our new students in whatever way you can over the next few weeks.

Before you come back into school, there are some important things I wanted to be sure that you were aware of about how we will be operating this term. We can't get away from the fact that the coronavirus is still a health concern, but the government and its scientists and health experts have drawn up some guidelines for how schools can safely re-open. The changes we're making are in response to these guidelines. We'll explain them again to you all at assemblies on the first day you return to school and your form tutor will give you regular reminders in the days ahead.

Staggered return to school

So that we can clearly explain the changes around the Normanby site, students in Years 7, 8 and 11 will return to school on Tuesday this week, with those in Years 9 and 10 returning on Wednesday. Go to the location indicated below as soon as you get into school on that first morning where your year group will have an assembly.

Year 7	Return to school on Tuesday 8 September – 8.55am in the Main Hall
Year 8	Return to school on Tuesday 8 September – 8.55am in the Canteen
Year 9	Return to school on Wednesday 9 September – 8.55am in the Learning Resource Centre
Year 10	Return to school on Wednesday 9 September – 8.55am in the Main Hall
Year 11	Return to school on Tuesday 8 September – 8.55am in the Learning Resource Centre

Timings in the school day

Although the start (8.55am) and finish (3.30pm) times of school day remain unchanged, we are having to change some of the timings of lessons, breaks and lunchtimes. Depending which day it is, your lessons will follow either the Early or Late pattern set out below. Those of you in the new Year 8 to 11 will notice that nothing has changed for Tutor Time, Period 1, Period 4 and Period 5. It's in the middle part of the day that we're having to make changes. This is to allow us to have staggered breaks and lunchtimes.

Early (Normanby)		Late (Normanby)	
0855 – 0920	Tutor time	0855 – 0920	Tutor time
0920 – 1020	Period 1	0920 – 1020	Period 1
1020 – 1040	Break	1020 – 1120	Period 2
1040 – 1140	Period 2	1120 – 1140	Break
1140 – 1200	Period 3a	1140 – 1250	Period 3
1200 – 1240	Lunch	1250 – 1330	Lunch
1240 – 1330	Period 3b	1330 – 1430	Period 4
1330 – 1430	Period 4	1430 – 1530	Period 5
1430 – 1530	Period 5		

The table below tells you which set of timings – Early or Late – you'll be following each day of the week. It makes no difference whether it's Week A or Week B on the timetable

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Mon	Late	Late	Late	Early	Early
Tues	Early	Late	Early	Late	Late
Wed	Early	Late	Early	Late	Late
Thurs	Late	Early	Late	Early	Late
Fri	Early	Late	Early	Late	Late

Tutor periods and assemblies

We'll still start each day with a 25-minute tutor period. Each year group will have its own assembly once a week in the Main Hall or Learning Centre.

Monday	Year 11	Learning Centre
Tuesday	Year 9	Main Hall
Wednesday	Year 7	Main Hall
Thursday	Year 10	Main Hall
Friday	Year 8	Main Hall

Organising the timetable

Part of the guidance that the government has given us is to organise the school into year group 'bubbles'. Your lessons are normally always with people from your year group anyway, but instead of you moving from one teacher's classroom to another throughout the day, they'll come to the 'zone' where your year group bubble is based. The zones for the different years are listed below.

- Year 7 - upstairs in the C Block
- Year 8 - H6, H9, A8 and T5
- Year 9 - downstairs in the C Block
- Year 10 - H1, H3, H4, H5 and the ICollege
- Year 11 - N1, N2, N6, N9 and N10

You'll stay in your zone for all of the lessons like English, maths, French and German, history, geography, RE and some options subjects that can be taught in standard classrooms. You'll only move out of your zone when you have lessons that require specialist facilities such as science, PE, ICT, art, drama, music or technology.

Movement on corridors and toilets

When you do have to move outside of your zone to another part of the school, we'll be asking you to use an outside route if at all possible. The main corridor in H block, for example, is the Year 10 zone and therefore will be out of bounds for everyone else for most of the school day. Rather than cut through the S block to go down to technology, you'll have to take an outside route instead. It sounds complicated but with a bit of thought and common sense, you'll quickly work it out. When you are walking on any corridor please keep to the left - this is going to be even more important this year.

The toilets in the C Block will just be for Year 7 and Year 9 students to use; those in the N block will be for Year 11's use only. Students in Years 8 and 10 will be able to use the toilets in the Science. Of course it is really important to emphasise just how important handwashing is before you leave the toilets!

Remember to go to the Pastoral Office situated on the ground floor of the Science block if you need any help or you're feeling unwell during the school day. Knock on the door and wait for someone to come and answer.

Staggered breaks and lunchtimes

In order to keep the mixing of students from different year group bubbles to a minimum, we'll be staggering the times of breaks and lunchtimes each day. Two year groups will have Early break/lunchtimes each day and the other three will be on Late break/lunchtimes. To make this happen, we're having to use the Learning Centre for one year group at break and for a different year group at lunchtime each day. Mrs Dale will set up a servery and a till in Learning Centre and will provide as much choice as is possible.

Break times

	Year 7		Year 8		Year 9		Year 10		Year 11	
Mon	Late	Hall	Late	LRC	Late	Canteen	Early	Hall	Early	Canteen
Tues	Early	Hall	Late	LRC	Early	Canteen	Late	Hall	Late	Canteen
Wed	Early	Hall	Late	LRC	Early	Canteen	Late	Hall	Late	Canteen
Thurs	Late	Hall	Early	Canteen	Late	LRC	Early	Hall	Late	Canteen
Fri	Early	Hall	Late	LRC	Early	Canteen	Late	Hall	Late	Canteen

Lunch times

	Year 7		Year 8		Year 9		Year 10		Year 11	
Mon	Late	Hall	Late	Canteen	Late	LRC	Early	Hall	Early	Canteen
Tues	Early	Hall	Late	Canteen	Early	Canteen	Late	Hall	Late	LRC
Wed	Early	Hall	Late	Canteen	Early	Canteen	Late	Hall	Late	LRC
Thurs	Late	Hall	Early	Canteen	Late	Canteen	Early	Hall	Late	LRC
Fri	Early	Hall	Late	Canteen	Early	Canteen	Late	Hall	Late	LRC

This will all take a little bit of time to get used to but your form tutor will remind you each morning about what times and where your year groups breaks and lunchtimes are that day.

For the first few weeks, whilst we establish a routine, we're going to ask you to stay in these different locations throughout break time. At lunchtime, we will section off some outdoor spaces for students from your year group can go to as well as the Hall, Canteen or Learning Centre.

We know that lots of you like to use the computers, read a book or start your homework in the Learning Centre at lunchtime. This may not be possible each day but we'll organise some way of opening up facilities in your year group's zone at lunchtime.

Paying for food

We're trying to reduce the amount of cash that is brought into school each day. Remember - someone has to count it all and if we can reduce this then it helps us make the school even safer. Your parents can credit your account electronically using the ParentPay website and they'll find this really convenient. If you are bringing cash in, you won't necessarily be able to use the ReVal machines but we'll explain you what'll need to happen instead.

Helping keep the school safe

There are several ways in which we can all help keep one another safe in school

- if you keep unwell with possible Covid symptoms – a new persistent cough; high temperature; and/or loss of your normal sense of taste or smell – don't come into school. Discuss your symptoms with your parents and they will need to decide what actions you're going to have to follow as a family
- it may well be that as some point during the year you and your family will need to self-isolate for a period of time. It is really important that you follow the latest government **instructions** if this happens
- remember that regular and thorough hand-washing and sanitation is one of the most effective things we can all do to help prevent the spread of infection. We'll have plenty of hand sanitiser around school but you're welcome to bring in your own small bottle for personal use – just make sure it isn't an alcohol-based one
- get into the habit of practising good respiratory hygiene – we'll remind you about these in assemblies. The government call this the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach. There'll be plenty of tissues in school.

School transport

If you travel to school by train or school bus then these should be operating from the same stops with the same timetable as last summer (but please check the train timetable yourselves!) I wrote to your parents last week with the latest information I'd received about school transport and I'll sure that they'll discuss this with you. In particular, it is now a legal requirement for anyone aged 11 or above to wear a face covering on public transport, including the Esk Valley railway. In addition, North Yorkshire County Council are asking all secondary-aged students who travel to school by bus to also wear a face covering. It is really important that you bring some sort of sealable plastic bag to store your face covering securely once you take it off **and** that you then wash or sanitise your hands. There are exceptions – for all sorts of reasons, some children and adults are exempt from wearing face coverings. Please don't be judgemental but instead show some consideration.

Whilst the school field remains firm and not wet, at the end of school each day we'll be asking students to walk across the field and queue orderly inside the fence until your bus arrives. Because there'll be students from different year groups there, don't forget to be sensible and keep some social distancing.

Uniform, equipment and lockers

It's normal, full uniform when you return to school this week. I've written to your parents several times over the course of the spring and summer to thank them for their help in making sure you're kitted out properly. Some quick reminders:

- black trousers or a knee length skirt. Trousers should be tailored, with a zip fastening and not jersey, legging or jeans style
- black leather footwear, preferably shoes, with no visible labels and a black sole.
- no facial piercings of any description
- only one set of small stud piercings
- natural hair colour.

Thank you for **your** help with this. You all look incredibly smart when you're in proper uniform and it is simply not fair on other students if you think that these uniform requirements don't apply to you.

Make use you pack you bag properly each evening in preparation for the next day and have a good supply of your own equipment – pens, pencils, ruler, scientific calculator. We can all help to make the school that little bit safer this year by not having to borrow equipment off teachers or another student.

We want as many students as possible to have a locker if they want one. But we realise that yours might be in the wrong zone around school at the moment. We'll get this sorted at the start of term – it'll just take a few

days. If you already have a locker, please bring your key in with you. We may need you to clear your locker and hand your key back in first before we issue you with a replacement locker and key in a better location.

GCSE and A-level results

I'm sure that you'll have seen all of the news stories about the A-level and GCSE results this summer. I'm pleased to say that all of the students in last summer's Year 11 and Year 13/14 at Whitby Sixth Form enjoyed considerable success. We're pleased that the government decided to award the grades that teachers had submitted. We'd spent a long time discussing these and felt that the grades we sent off to the exam boards were a fair reflection of how well students had been working and accurately predicted the grades they would have achieved if exams hadn't been cancelled last summer. I hope that the new Year 11 students take note of just how important the quality of homework submitted each week and mock exam results were in helping teachers come to these decisions!



50 of the students at Whitby Sixth Form are leaving us to start university this autumn. They're spreading right around the country to places as far apart as Cambridge, London, Durham, York, Newcastle, Surrey, Liverpool, Manchester, Leeds, Swansea and Lincoln to study courses as diverse as Medicine, Politics, Mechanical Engineering, Biology, Midwifery, Nursing, Policing, History, Electronics, Aerospace Engineering, Law, Business Management, Sports Coaching, Fine Art and TV/Film Production. It really is possible to go anywhere and go anything if you work hard for two years at Whitby Sixth Form! And it's not just about university. Several of our A-level students have secured great apprenticeships with employers who've recognised the quality of the qualifications and the growth in confidence that these students have acquired during their time with us at WSF. Not surprisingly, the majority of last year's Year 11 have decided to enrol at Whitby Sixth Form next week.

Staffing changes

At the end of the summer term, we said 'goodbye' to some staff who'd worked at Caedmon for a long time. *Mrs Queenan* has moved to a different part of the country to be closer to her family and is starting at her new school this week. *Ms Walker* has left us to become the Head of Science at Freeborough Academy near Redcar. Many of you will have been taught science by these two ladies and you'll know what great teachers they are. I'm sure you'll join me in thanking them for everything they've done for Caedmon students and to wish them 'good luck' in their new jobs. We have two fantastic science teachers to replace them – *Ms Manship* and *Mrs Cassell-Osowski*. They'll be based in S6 and S5 respectively and are both going to be Year 7 tutors.

Mrs Jackson, one of our teaching assistants, had worked on the Normanby site for over 20 years before she retired in the summer. And *Mrs Tiplady*, who everyone in Years 9 to 11 will know from your days on the Scoresby site, also left this summer to start a new catering job elsewhere in Whitby. I'm really doing to miss her cheese scones!

Mr Blackwell's wife have had a baby boy during the holidays. I'm sure he'll be keen to share photos and all of his news when you see him next. *Mrs Harrison's* baby is due any day now! She'll then be on maternity leave for several months and whilst she's away we've got three Heads of Year working with KS3:

- Year 7 Ms Fleetwood
- Year 8 Ms Charters
- Year 9 Ms Ruberry

All of the students in the new Year 11 have already met *Mr Taylor*, our new KS4 Pastoral Officer. He'll be working alongside Mrs Gordon, Mrs Wood everyone else in the Pastoral Office to keep you safe and help you solve any problems that arise during the course of the year.

Library books and ICT equipment

During lockdown, over 100 of you borrowed Chromebooks from school. Thank you for making sure that they were returned over the summer – this has really helped Mr Hutchinson and Mr Brittain clean and service them in time for us all being able to use them in lessons this term. If you still have one at home, please bring it in on the day you return to school.

We also know that many of you have library or textbooks at home. Ms Mackle has been working hard through the summer doing her annual stock check of all of our books and needs you to return any you still have as soon as possible so that she can complete her cataloguing.

And finally...

I said at the start of this student newsletter that, along with all of your teachers and the other staff who support us, I am really looking forward to welcoming you all back into school this week. I've been looking back some of the tweets on the @cc_whitby Twitter account from the last year and the photos reminded me of why Caedmon is such an amazing school. I've cut and paste a selection of my favourites and included them on the next page. I hope that they bring a smile to your face and inspire you to believe that, despite all of the changes we're having to make because of coronavirus, the year ahead on the Normanby site is going to be really enjoyable and successful for us all.

See you in a few days time,

Simon Riley

Mr Riley

Principal



The Normanby site has been too quiet all summer – we're looking to welcoming you all back!



So quiet that the seagulls disappeared and 'someone' else moved onto the field!



So quiet that Mr Graham and other staff were reduced to dancing in the Learning Centre each morning!



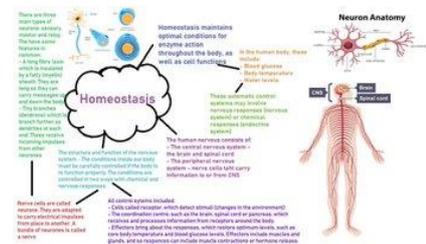
Art is SO fabulous at Caedmon. I can't wait to see what Ms Brown and Mrs Chaddick inspire you to produce this term.



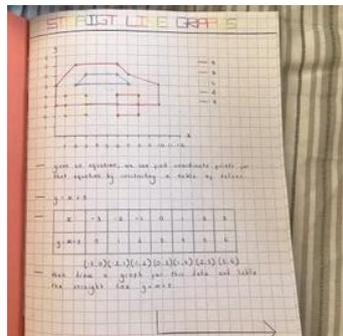
I'm looking forward to seeing some great performances in Drama this year ...



... and hearing the sound of music around the Normanby site once again!



Just look at how organised this student organised some of their science revision notes last year.



Will the first page in your new Maths book be as great as this? I hope that the 'Star of the Week' videos can continue Ms Charters!



We've really missed having Mrs Carter and her army of young bakers on site. The Captain Tom birthday cakes were amazing!



Mrs Dale and the ladies in the kitchen are looking forward to serving you once again – without the Santa hats though until we get nearer to Xmas!



Caedmon students are always so generous when it comes to our fundraising activities. I wonder what charities we'll be supporting this year?



And with staggered break times, I'll be able to have two Hot Chocolate Friday's each week!