

6<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

I am writing to you at the end of what has been a difficult and disrupted year, but one that has shown how well our school community works together. I would like to thank everyone – pupils, staff, parents and families for all your support during this year.

I would also like to take this opportunity to give my personal thanks to everyone at Yardleys as I leave at the end of this academic year. It has been a real honour and privilege to be the Headteacher at Yardleys. I would also like to welcome, and wish the very best, to Mr Neil Warner, the new Headteacher. I look forward to hearing about the many future achievements and successes of the pupils and the school.

Below are some important notices, information and dates covering both the last week of term and the beginning of the new term in September.

### **Covid-19**

As you may know the current guidance and regulations for schools and wider society may be amended from 19<sup>th</sup> July. At the time of writing we are unclear what guidance will be in place for September but we will write to you in late August/early September with these details. This will include an updated risk assessment which will be available to be viewed on the school website/VLE.

### **The Yardleian newsletter**

The latest edition of the school newsletter – The Yardleian – has been published. This has been distributed to pupils to bring home as well as being made available via email and on the school website.

### **Mobile phones**

Mobile phones are not allowed in school. This includes anywhere on the school grounds such as the playground or driveway or at any time including when pupils are arriving or leaving school.

### **West Midlands Police letter**

Please see attached a letter in partnership with West Midlands Police with reminders on personal safety over the summer holidays.

### **Uniform and equipment**

Please ensure that your child has all the correct uniform for the start of the new academic year in September. This includes plain black shoes (no trainers) and plain black trousers (no jeans or leggings). It also includes correct PE kit, stationery and other equipment such as calculators. Please see our VLE for our School Uniform Policy.

### **End of term arrangements**

School ends on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021. There will be a slightly shorter day for pupils as outlined below:

	<b>Start time</b>	<b>Finish time</b>
Year 7	8:45 am	1:15 pm
Year 8	9:00 am	1:10 pm
Year 9	9:15 am	1:00 pm
Year 10	9:30 am	12:55 pm

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### Summer holiday challenges and competitions

Although it has not been possible to organise a summer school this year given the ever-changing Covid situation, government guidance and rising infection rates, we have organised some virtual activities and competitions for pupils to participate in, these can be found on the school website [www.yardleys-vle.com](http://www.yardleys-vle.com).

### Year 11 results and guidance

So as not to compromise safety during the Covid pandemic, year 11 students will **not** be invited to collect their Summer results from School. Instead, from **9am on Thursday 12th August 2021**, results will be made available via a personalised letter (which can be saved/printed) on their 'Documents' tab of their VLE profile home page. Component marks/grades will also be available via the 'Exams' tab. We will also post them out to the student's home address via first class post. Due to JCO restrictions, however, we cannot post them out until Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August, so the posted results may not be received until Friday 13<sup>th</sup> or Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> August, dependent on local factors.

We understand that students may have questions or queries once they have received their results and Mrs Price, our careers advisor, will be available to make contact with students via phone (or VLE messaging) throughout the day on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August. Please see the VLE for more information.

### Student medication

If your child has an inhaler for asthma, please ensure they carry this with them at all times. A spare inhaler for your child can be held with the Lead First Aider in school.

### School day

In September, we will revert to our normal school day for all students:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday	8:40 am – 3:00 pm
Wednesday	8:40 am – 3:30 pm
Friday	8:40 am – 2:40 pm

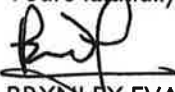
### Important dates and events

As stated above, we will write to you in late August/early September to confirm arrangements for the start of term once further guidance is available. This may alter the dates below for the start of the academic year.

Date	Event
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> & Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2021	Training days – school closed to students
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	New Year 7 Induction Day
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	All students return to school
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	Open Week (For current Year 5/6 students at our primary feeder schools) Open Mornings on Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9:00am – 10:30am. Open Evening on Thursday 5:30pm – 7:30pm.
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2021	Attitude to Learning Review Day – parents and carers will be invited in to school to discuss the effort, attendance etc. of their child.
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2021	Last day of half term
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> - Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	Half term – school closed to all pupils
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2021	School reopens as normal to all students

Thank you for your continued support and I wish you a relaxing and safe summer break.

Yours faithfully

  
BRYNLEY EVANS  
Headteacher



Dear Parents/Carers and students

**HAPPY, SAFE SUMMER – REMINDER FROM WEST MIDLANDS POLICE**

July 2021

The summer holiday is fast approaching, so it is important our students are reminded what we, as a school community, expect of them in terms of behaviour while they are enjoying the break. We also want to ensure they feel confident to keep themselves safe and away from crime and anti-social behaviour.

Parents/carers and students should already be aware that as part of our safeguarding arrangements, the school has a two-way information sharing agreement in place with West Midlands Police, and we are active members of the local Police & Schools Panel. This joint approach helps us to intervene early to safeguard and to prevent and reduce crime and anti-social behaviour involving our students and provide support and up-to-date safety messages.

In partnership with the police, we would like to signpost you to <https://www.west-midlands.police.uk/>

Here you will find all the latest COVID-19 guidance. We continue to thank you all for sticking to the rules and guidelines, you have all contributed to stopping the spread and we appreciate how hard the last year has been. As some of the rules may start to be relaxed over the summer, we still ask you to remain aware and maintain social distancing in order for us all to stay safe and stop the spread of the virus as we look to enjoy the summer break. Please be mindful of attending any large gatherings. Attending large gatherings heightens the risk of the virus spreading which may impact not just you but those around you.

Here are a few other safety reminders: -

- **Personal Safety:** Sadly, there are people out there who want what you have! We ask you to be vigilant as you enjoy your summer. Be aware of your surroundings, take care of friends and family members and keep valuables such as phones out of public view whenever possible. We recognise that more and more people are using pedal bikes, especially within our fantastic green spaces across the West Midlands. Please never leave your bikes unattended and always use a sturdy lock to secure it if you ever need to be away from it.
- **Social Media:** Don't allow your use of social media to put you at risk of grooming, exploitation or regret in the future. Use social media positively and avoid being negative about anyone online as comments/actions may be traced back to you and you will be held accountable.

If you need our help, we're here for you. Ask us a question on our website or speak to us on live chat at [www.west-midlands.police.uk](http://www.west-midlands.police.uk). If you don't have access to the internet, then dial 101 for non-emergency calls, and always dial 999 in an emergency, alternatively Crimestoppers is a service available to report anonymously, you can do this by visiting their website [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org) or by calling 0800 555 111, this is not however for emergency incidents.

Also keep up to date with what's happening in your local area, by signing up to our free community messaging system **WMNow** at [www.wmnow.co.uk](http://www.wmnow.co.uk).

We wish everyone a happy and safe summer.

Yours faithfully,

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