



30 August 2021

Dear Parents, Carers & Students,

I hope you have had a relaxing and enjoyable summer. Students return to school soon and I just wanted to give you a reminder of the plans for the start of the year and a brief update on the summer exam results.

GCSE and A Level Results

Our students achieved a very strong set of GCSE and A Level results this year and we are absolutely delighted for them. With all they have been through, to work so hard and achieve such fantastic results is incredibly pleasing.

Many students made exceptional progress over their time with us with some students achieving truly exceptional results. For A levels, 60% of year 13 results were grade A*/A/B and 5 students achieved straight A*s. The picture was similar for year 11 with nearly 50 students averaging a grade 7 (old grade A) and 4 students achieving a clean sweep of grade 9s (A**).

The early indications are that most students have achieved the grades they need to progress on to their next steps with many year 11s staying with us into sixth form.

We hope they can create great futures for themselves despite everything over the last 12 months. Well done to you all and we are immensely proud of the class of 2021!!!!!!

Covid Testing

As I am sure you are aware, schools were asked by the Government in July to offer optional Covid quick lateral flow tests to students when they return to school. The first test will be before students return and the second test will be during the first few days back. Each year group will be tested on a different day which means that the return will unfortunately have to be staggered with different year groups returning on different days.

The return plan is listed below and the timetable for the optional tests was sent out to parents previously and is on our website. I apologise for this delay in starting back but these optional tests will help to keep everyone Covid safe.

ePortal and Timetables

Over the summer we switched off the ePortal Parent Portal as we move to a new school database system. The new system is called CloudSchool and is much improved. There is a parental app for the software for Android and Apple phones which we will let you know more about later on in the term.

Whilst we are setting it up, students will be given paper timetables next week and it will be a timetable week 1.

Covid Plans for September

Just a quick reminder about our Covid safety plans for the term:

- Covid will still be with us in September, so we need to maintain some sensible precautions
- We are reverting to our normal timetable in September with tutor time starting at 8:40 (after the first week) and school finishing at 3pm. The school gates will open at 8:20 each day.
- Classes will be back in normal rooms and there will be no bubbles, but we will still be asking students to minimise contact between different year groups
- Sanitiser will still be widely available in school and hand hygiene remains very important
- Good ventilation will also remain important in classrooms
- Face masks are optional, but some staff may continue to wear them, and students can wear them if they wish.
- Students should continue to test twice weekly at home for Covid
- Students must not come to school if they have any Covid / Flu like symptoms and families should contact us if there is a positive case

Self-Isolation

The national rules for test, trace and self-isolation have changed. Students under 18 and staff who are fully vaccinated don't need to self-isolate if they come into close contact with a positive case, but they are advised to take a PCR test.

Relationships and Sex Education

RSE is now a national programme for all schools, which follows DFE guidance. We intend to equip children and young people with the information, skills and values they need to have safe, fulfilling and positive relationships and take responsibility for their physical, sexual and emotional health and wellbeing. The programme can be found on our website in the curriculum section.

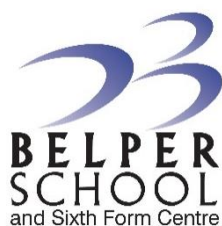
If you would like to withdraw your child from any element of the programme, please contact the head of year. Please note that we are intending to cover this content early in the autumn term so you may wish to contact us as soon as possible.

Here's to a better year ahead for us all and let's hope we can move on from all the Covid difficulties and get everything back on track.

With my very best wishes,



Nick Goforth, Headteacher



RETURN PLANS

Please see below for the plans for the return for each year group. We apologise for the delay in getting some year groups back into school, but we are required to offer testing to students before they return. Testing is optional but please note that students who are not going to be tested still need to return at the same time as the rest of their year group.

NEW YEAR 7	
Thursday 2nd Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covid testing at school for year 7 • The times of this optional testing are on the school website. The tests will be carried out in tutor group order
Friday 3rd Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students stay at home on holiday
Monday 6th Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First day at secondary school! • Timetable Week 1 • Arrive at school for a 9am start. The gates will be open from 8:30 and students should go to the art block (where they came on the transition day in June) • Induction programme in tutor groups which includes a school tour and students will be given their timetables • There will be no other year groups in school until 10am • Break at 10:55am. Lessons start after break at 11:15am • Finish at 3pm
Tuesday 7th Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrive at school for 8:40am and go to the tutor base • With tutors until 9:15 am • Normal lessons for the rest of the day
Wednesday 8th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrive at school for 8:40am and go to the tutor base • With tutors until 9:15 am • Normal lessons for the rest of the day
Thursday 9th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrive at school for 8:40am and go to the tutor base • With tutors until 9:15 am • Normal lessons for the rest of the day
Friday 10th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrive at school for 8:40am and go to the tutor base • Normal lessons from 8:55am for the rest of the day
Monday 13th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timetable week 2 • Normal day

NEW YEAR 8	
Thursday 2nd Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students stay at home on holiday
Friday 3rd Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students stay at home on holiday
Monday 6th Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working from home • 10am Live online tutor session using Google Meet from Google Classroom • Covid testing at school for the rest of the day • The times of this optional testing are on the school website. The tests will be carried out in tutor group order
Tuesday 7th Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Return to school • Timetable Week 1 • Arrive at school for 8:40am and go to the tutor base • With tutors until 9:15 am • Normal lessons for the rest of the day
Wednesday 8th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrive at school for 8:40am and go to the tutor base • With tutors until 9:15 am • Normal lessons for the rest of the day
Thursday 9th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrive at school for 8:40am and go to the tutor base • With tutors until 9:15 am • Normal lessons for the rest of the day
Friday 10th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrive at school for 8:40am and go to the tutor base • Period 1 starts as normal at 8:55am • Normal lessons for the rest of the day
Monday 13th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timetable week 2 • Normal day

NEW YEAR 9	
Thursday 2nd Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students stay at home on holiday
Friday 3rd Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students stay at home on holiday
Monday 6th Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working from home • 10am Live online tutor session using Google Meet from Google Classroom • Work at home on work for the rest of the day set on Google Classroom. The subjects will be Computing, Geography and MFL
Tuesday 7th Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working from home • 8:40am Live online tutor session using Google Meet from Google Classroom • Work at home for the rest of the day on work set on Google Classroom. The subjects will be English, Maths and Science
Wednesday 8th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At home initially • 8:40am Live online tutor session using Google Meet from Google Classroom • Covid testing at school for the rest of the day • The times of this optional testing are on the school website. The tests will be carried out in tutor group order
Thursday 9th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Return to school • Timetable Week 1 • Arrive at school for 8:40am and go to the tutor base • With tutors until 9:15 am • Normal lessons for the rest of the day
Friday 10th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrive at school for 8:40am and go to the tutor base • Period 1 starts as normal at 8:55am • Normal lessons for the rest of the day
Monday 13th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timetable week 2 • Normal day

NEW YEAR 10	
Thursday 2nd Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students stay at home on holiday
Friday 3rd Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students stay at home on holiday
Monday 6th Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working from home • 10am Live tutor session using Google Meet from Google Classroom • Work at home for the rest of the day on work set on google classroom. The subjects will be English, Maths and Science
Tuesday 7th Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At home initially • 8:40am Live online tutor session using Google Meet from Google Classroom • Covid testing at school for the rest of the day • The times of this optional testing are on the school website. The tests will be carried out in tutor group order
Wednesday 8th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Return to school • Timetable Week 1 • Arrive at school for 8:40am and go to the tutor base • With tutors until 9:15 am • Normal lessons for the rest of the day
Thursday 9th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrive at school for 8:40am and go to the tutor base • With tutors until 9:15 am • Normal lessons for the rest of the day
Friday 10th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrive at school for 8:40am and go to the tutor base • Period 1 starts as normal at 8:55am • Normal lessons for the rest of the day
Monday 13th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timetable week 2 • Normal day

NEW YEAR 11	
Thursday 2nd Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students stay at home on holiday
Friday 3rd Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covid testing at school • The times of this optional testing are on the school website. The tests will be carried out in tutor group order
Monday 6th Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Return to school • Timetable Week 1 • Arrive at school for 10am and go to the tutor base • In tutor groups until break at 10:55am • Lessons start after break at 11:15am • Finish at 3pm
Tuesday 7th Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrive at school for 8:40am and go to the tutor base • With tutors until 9:15 am • Normal lessons for the rest of the day
Wednesday 8th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrive at school for 8:40am and go to the tutor base • With tutors until 9:15 am • Normal lessons for the rest of the day
Thursday 9th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrive at school for 8:40am and go to the tutor base • With tutors until 9:15 am • Normal lessons for the rest of the day
Friday 10th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrive at school for 8:40am and go to the tutor base • Period 1 starts as normal at 8:55am • Normal lessons for the rest of the day
Monday 13th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timetable week 2 • Normal day

SIXTH FORM	
Thursday 2nd Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 13 Covid testing at school in the evening • The times of this optional testing are on the school website. The tests will be carried out in tutor group order
Friday 3rd Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 12 Covid testing at school in the evening • The times of this optional testing are on the school website. The tests will be carried out in tutor group order
Monday 6th Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Return to school • Timetable week 1 • Arrive at school for 10am and go to the tutor base • In tutor groups until break at 10:55am • Lessons start after break at 11:15am • Finish at 3pm
Tuesday 7th Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrive at school for 8:40am and go to the tutor base • With tutors until 9:15 am • Normal lessons for the rest of the day
Wednesday 8th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrive at school for 8:40am and go to the tutor base • With tutors until 9:15 am • Normal lessons for the rest of the day
Thursday 9th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrive at school for 8:40am and go to the tutor base • With tutors until 9:15 am • Normal lessons for the rest of the day
Friday 10th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrive at school for 8:40am and go to the tutor base • Period 1 starts as normal at 8:55am • Normal lessons for the rest of the day
Monday 13th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timetable week 2 • Normal day