

Allerton Grange School



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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Key Stage 3 (KS3) information

During a period of considerable upheaval and uncertainty for every school across the country, I would like to take the opportunity to update you about what is happening in school, and to provide some useful information.

Since September, our KS3 students have adapted extremely well to the school's Covid-19 risk-assessment measures. The consensus amongst them is that, in some respects, they even prefer the 'new normal'! For example, they have particularly enjoyed having their own break and lunch (without other year groups) and being able to wear their PE kit to school. Moving our DEAR (Drop Everything and Read) to the beginning of the day has also proven to be a popular change.

Our attendance is much higher than the national average, and only slightly below what it would be normally at this time of the year. The students continue to benefit from, and enjoy, our wonderful knowledge-rich curriculum. Despite the constraints under which schools have been operating, we have maintained our full curriculum offer, so that students can continue to study a broad and balanced suite of subjects. Indeed, it has been a pleasure to witness the high quality of teaching and learning that is evident in lessons in all subject areas.

In addition, students have had access to:

- Adapted schemes of learning to help address any gaps in learning during the period of school closure.
- Pastoral support to help with any issues students may have experienced during their time away from school.
- A full programme of virtual assemblies and PSHCE.
- Remote learning on Microsoft Teams for students who may have to self-isolate.
- A mentoring programme for students who require more dedicated support.
- Ongoing pastoral support for mental health and well-being from the year teams, including telephone welfare checks for students who may have to self-isolate at home.
- A bespoke plan of careers education aimed at identifying career pathways and providing guidance about next steps.



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Important dates:

Year 7 Virtual Parents' Evening	Tuesday 19 January 2021
Year 8 Virtual Parents' Evening	Thursday 25 February 2021
Year 9 Virtual Parents' Evening	Wednesday 10 March 2021

You will receive more information about these events, and how to book, closer to the time.

From the week commencing 11 January, parents will receive the first of the two school reports of the year. (You will receive the second one in June.) In the New Year, we will also be relaunching our online mark-book – 'Go 4 Schools' - which will provide parents with access to ongoing assessment data from different curriculum areas. (More information to follow.)

Year 9 will be completing their options forms during January. This will involve selecting one subject of their choice that they would like to study for GCSE (beginning in September of Year 10.) Alongside their option subject, the vast majority of students will study maths, English, science, a foreign language, history or geography, core PE, and core RS. Year 9 parents and students will receive more information and guidance in the New Year.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me, or a member of the pastoral teams:

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Yours faithfully



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