



**11<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

Dear Parent / Carer,

As we reach the end of a really successful transition week, I am delighted to report that we're in great shape for all students to return together from Monday. I've been really impressed with the maturity and enthusiasm demonstrated by our students over the last week as they've adapted well to our new systems. Student attendance is currently at a very healthy 96% and students are smart, well equipped and clearly ready for the challenge ahead. Thank you for preparing the students so well for the new school year.

We have a few questions to respond to and a few additional points of information:

- Please can I direct you to the parent portal on the school website, this is the yellow tab on the right of our home page (<https://www.ralphthoresby.co.uk/>). Here you can find the answer to many of your questions including term dates, key contacts and the school calendar.
- A reminder that next week, starting on Monday 14th September, is week B and the school is fully open to all year groups.
- Many of you have asked what footwear is required for PE lessons next week. All Y7 – Y9 will be doing athletics in PE and will therefore be required to bring trainers in for their lessons. If students have PE as their first lesson of the day, they can come to school in PE kit and change into uniform at the end of the lesson.
- We are excited to launch our Wider Modern World curriculum with Y9 this term. These lessons are represented by WW-Arts and WW-Hums on timetables. For further information, see the course handbook, at the bottom of this page on our website: <https://www.ralphthoresby.co.uk/8into9specialisms/>
- New timetables will show a 7 period day. The 7th period is our after-school provision, which will go on through to 4pm (starting later this month). Year groups with mentor sessions at the end of the day (Y9-Y11) show as having this session in period 7 but they will finish at 3pm, rather than 4pm as shown.
- Due to restrictions on the use of the water fountains, we would advise students to bring a full bottle of water to school each day. These can be refilled according to the guidelines.
- Finally, in addition to following our revised rules and systems in school, please can all students be careful to follow the guidelines when out in the community, for example wear masks in shops, observe appropriate social distancing. Thank you.

It is important that we stay connected as we enter this new, exciting phase of education. If you have further questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch via the email: [letmeknow@ralphthoresby.com](mailto:letmeknow@ralphthoresby.com)

Thank-you for your support, take care and stay safe,

Mr Will Carr, Headteacher.

