



**Face Coverings / Year 11 and Year 13 transition / Uniform**

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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you are all well as we edge towards some kind of normality after the extraordinary events of the last year. Despite the huge challenges, I feel we are in a good place at Ralph Thoresby and ready to move forward once again as a whole school community. I'm just writing with a few updates...

**Face Coverings from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May:**

We have now had guidance from the DFE on wearing face coverings in school. In addition, the Local Authority have today given us additional guidance based on Covid figures in the local area. In response to this, our rules on face coverings from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May are now as follows:

- Face coverings are now optional for students and staff in the classroom (we'll continue to give staff and students the choice to wear face coverings if they wish as it will help some people to feel secure).
- Face coverings are still required for students and staff in communal areas where social distancing is not possible (for example, when moving around in corridors and communal areas).

**Year 11 and Year 13 transition:**

I would like to congratulate all our exam year students on showing such resilience throughout an incredibly challenging period. We are organising what should be an enjoyable 'stand-down' day for both year groups on **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May (Year 11)** and **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May (Year 13)**.

After half term, we do intend to keep in touch with students to support a smooth transition to the next phase of education, employment and training. With this in mind, we are running a **Sixth Form transition programme for the current Year 11 between 21<sup>st</sup> June and 1<sup>st</sup> July**. We will be in touch about this and other opportunities in due course.

**Uniform:**

Please be aware that, from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June, students should not arrive at school in PE kit. The changing rooms are now fully accessible and students should be in full school uniform throughout the day.

Finally, thank you once again for the brilliant support you have given us throughout the last 14 months. I'm proud of the way we've coped together and excited about what we will achieve together in the future.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Will Carr, Headteacher.

