



HARROGATE
GRAMMAR SCHOOL
EXCELLENCE FOR ALL

10 July 2020

Dear Parents/carers,

We are very much looking forward to seeing our Year 9 students back in school next week. When students in Years 10 and 12 returned for some lessons in these last few weeks, we were struck by how nervous some of them were at coming back to school after such a long time. This is one of the reasons we really wanted to welcome Y9 back in school. To give them the opportunity to come back into school before the summer, meet their tutors in person and have a chance to talk about their progress since school closed, their reports and most importantly, explain the bridging materials fully. We hope that this will ensure students are set up ready for embarking upon their GCSE course in September as Year 10 students.

We appreciate not all students will be able to come into school and hope that the face-to-face online meeting on Teams, will be equally useful for those students.

Students with appointments in school should arrive no more than 5 minutes before their allocated time. They should come to the main school entrance, where there is a queuing system in place. Before entering the building, hands must be sanitised. Students will then make their way to the room allocated to their form tutor (see link below).

[Year 9 Getting Ready for GCSE meetings: 13-17 July](#)

We would like students to come to school in school uniform, however we appreciate a lot of growing has taken place during lockdown, so if blazers are too small, shirts, ties, trousers or skirts, with a jumper is fine.

All students have been asked to complete a survey in advance of next week. Form tutors will have this, along with the Attitude to Learning grades, which are about to be issued and will discuss this, in addition to showing students where and how to access the relevant bridging materials. Their appointment will last no longer than 30 minutes and students will then leave by the side entrances, according to the room they have been in.

We really hope this meeting will prove useful in closing off this year and getting students prepared and ready for their new phase, as they approach Year 10 and their GCSE courses in September.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact either your child's form tutor or their Year Manager, Mrs Ellenthorpe.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support over the year and wish you all a wonderful holiday when it comes.

Kind regards,

Mrs K Moat
Associate Headteacher