



Beths Grammar School - Year 12 Phased Return to School

June and July 2020

Dear Year 12

We are delighted to be welcoming you back on site for a condensed programme of study, commencing on Thursday 18 June. Before we get into too much detail, I would like to remind you that the current situation may continue for much longer than this term and it is therefore imperative that you engage with us both face to face and online and complete all the work set to the best of your ability. If there is no paper trail indicating your level of competence, we will not be able to predict your final grade which, like this year, may also have to be centre-assessed grades, so please keep up to date.

Organisation

It is proposed that we will operate a two-week cycle with two cycles being completed this term. The Year 12 population has been divided into four groups of around 90 students in each. Movement between groups will not be allowed nor will additional students be admitted as the maximum numbers of students will be nine per room. There are no directed study facilities available and rooms are intended to be used once before they are cleaned for the following day.

The plan revolves around pairs of days based on your timetable this year for Periods 3-6 on the following days:

Monday/Tuesday and Thursday/Friday.

Lessons will be 90 minutes in length and will take place between 12.00 and 15.10 and there will be a 10 minute circulation break to allow movement from one lesson to another.

Last week you were sent a letter indicating whether you are in Group 1, Group 2, Group 3 or Group 4 and the rota starts with Group 2. Please note that you will not necessarily be taught in the same room or by your normal teacher but you will be taught by a subject specialist.

June and July Lessons

The theme is **Closing the Gap**. This means allowing you to meet a subject specialist to ensure all the work that has been set so far has been understood. It will allow you to close any gaps in your knowledge and seek clarity on topics that you are unclear about. The purpose is not to cover new material as this will continue to be done via online learning (Show My Homework, Fronter, Zoom, Teams, YouTube etc).

Where possible, we have tried to offer you 2 x 90-minute sessions with subject specialists - for each of your 3 A Levels, over the next month.

Social Distancing

We are still in a global health emergency and this will be a very different experience and not like a normal school day. We must all ensure that we are not risking the transmission of the Coronavirus.

Social distancing must be observed and we will be operating the school in line with strict Covid-secure protocols in order to keep everyone safe. You will need to adhere to the strict one-way system we have in school and enter and leave the school as directed. If you fail to follow these rules, you will not be allowed to return for the remainder of the summer term. Our Behaviour Policy has been amended to facilitate this, however, we all have to work together to ensure each other's safety.

My Journey to School

To keep our entire community safe, it is essential that everyone travels to and from school in a safe manner. Please walk, cycle or arrange for your parents to drive you, where possible. If walking or cycling, please plan your journey ahead and be mindful of road safety. Only one student may enter our bike rack at a time, and full social distancing must be maintained. Cycling on London roads can be dangerous and students should have their parents' permission.

Arriving by Car

If your parents/carers drive you, please tell them to drive onto site through the main school gates at the Eastern end of Hartford Road and turn left at Reception. You will be allowed to alight your vehicle in the Western car park, by the field, and will be met by staff to assist you. Your parents will then be able to exit via the Western gate. At the end of the learning session, parents should return to the car park, entering by the main Eastern gate, and wait for you by the field. Please ask your parents to leave Hartford Road at the first opportunity to avoid creating congestion.

Public Transport

If you have to use public transport, please observe the following:

- Wear a face mask
- Maintain social distancing as much as possible
- Do not use the bus to socialise
- Wash hands with sanitiser upon getting on and getting off of the bus
- Be exceptionally polite, as always, to staff and fellow travellers.

Getting to your Lesson

Please only arrive at school in time for your lesson. Once you arrive on site, you must go straight to your class and meet your teacher. You must follow the route as instructed to get to your room and, at all times, social distancing must be maintained and if needed you must wait patiently for those before you to move on. We accept that this new way of moving about the site will be a challenge; we must learn together.

Equipment

Staff and students are not permitted to share equipment. This means that you need to be organised and bring with you pens, pencil, ruler, calculator (if relevant), exercise books.

New books will not be issued so please bring a spare pad or folder with paper in the event that you do not have current exercise books. In order to keep the site Covid-secure, there will be no printing and no use of the LRC or lockers.

You should not bring in work to hand in as your teachers will not mark paper copies – all work submissions must be done electronically and not in person.

Toilets

We are asking students to use the toilet at home before leaving the house whenever possible, however we understand that some boys may need to go while on site. In the event that this is required a member of staff will collect you from your classroom and take you to the toilet. In the event that there are others waiting to use the toilet you must form a queue with a 2 metre distance.

Hand Washing

All students should bring a small bottle of hand sanitiser with them so that they can clean hands regularly throughout the day. There will also be hand sanitizer for use upon entering and exiting your classrooms.

Shielding or Feeling Ill

If you have been asked to isolate at home with your family or are feeling unwell, you should not attend school. If this happens, then please ask your parents to contact sixthform@beths.bexley.sch.uk.

Snacks and Water

There will be no catering available on site, nor water provided. You are welcome to bring a bottle of water as normal from home and a small snack for consumption if you wish.

School Uniform

Regular washing of clothes is advised by the Government. As students may be here on two consecutive days, washing normal uniform overnight might not be possible. Therefore, we will allow the Sixth Form to wear different smart casual clothes each day until July (no durags). Face masks are allowed.

Other Rules

It is strictly forbidden for Beths Students to meet in groups before or after school, on or off site. Breaking this rule constitutes a serious breach of the Behaviour Policy and the most serious sanctions could be applied. We understand that these rules will restrict your freedom significantly and may lessen your enjoyment of school; however, we must be committed to keeping everyone safe both within Beths and the wider community.

Support

This is a challenging time for many students and families. As ever, we are keen to help you in every way we possibly can. If you require any special support in accessing your education this term, please contact one of the following:

- Your Form Tutor
- Head of Year - mrparkes@beths.bexley.sch.uk
- Mr Ward – SENCO and learning support - mrward@beths.bexley.sch.uk

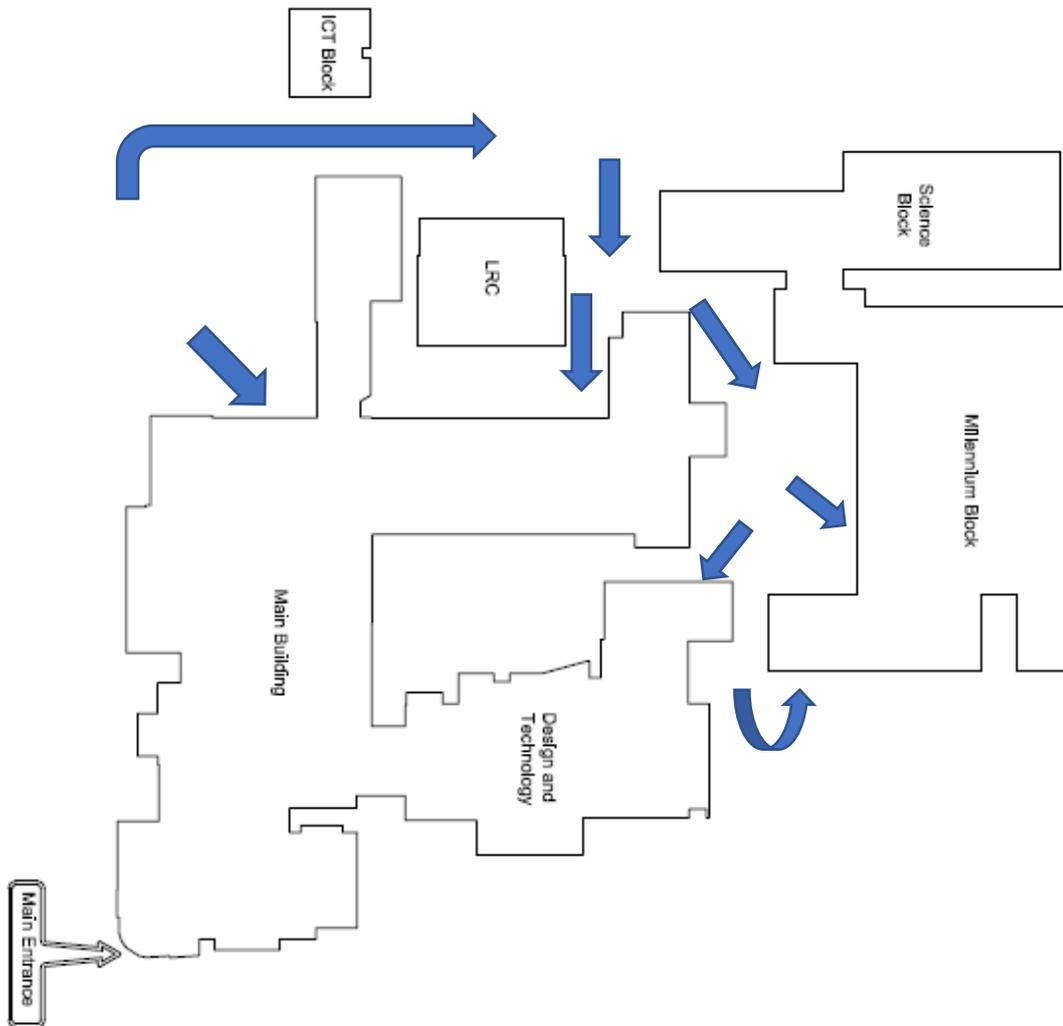
- School Counsellors – wellbeing and support – msbrett-smith@beths.bexley.sch.uk or msjones@beths.bexley.sch.uk
- Ms Searby – financial support - mssearby@beths.bexley.sch.uk

End of Day Dismissal

After your learning, you must leave the site following the route directed by staff, whilst maintaining full 2m distancing and head straight home without gathering or heading into the village. Toilets will be available if needed; however, we ask all students to wait and use toilets at home if at all possible as toilet use will slow down the dismissal.

Mr R J Blyghton
Headteacher

Site Guide – arriving by car or bike: (Please follow the footprints)



Site Guide – arriving by foot: (Please follow the footprints)

