



8 July 2020

Dear parents and carers

### **Plans for September**

I am delighted to say that we are putting in place detailed plans so that JMHS will be fully open from September for all students with social distancing where possible and extensive hygiene measures in place. We have not yet finalised our plans and will update you once we have more details. Additionally we will publish our revised risk assessment on the JMHS website before term starts so that parents can look at this in detail if they wish to do so.

However, in summary we can say that we will:

- Deliver the full curriculum through the planned school timetable for all students, including all practical and creative subjects.
- Put in place extra support during the school year for students who have fallen behind.
- In line with government advice, zone the school to create year group 'bubbles', so that students from different year groups do not mix.
- Use a combination of staggered lunch breaks and distinct social and dining spaces for each year group to ensure students from different year groups do not mix at brunch or lunch.
- Slightly stagger arrival and leaving times for different year groups. Please note though that students may still catch their usual bus and it will not matter if they arrive slightly earlier or later than their designated arrival time. We will also supervise any students waiting for their bus.
- Ask students to go straight to their teaching zone and their first classroom as soon as they arrive in school.
- Arrange all desks so that students are facing the front of class rather than each other.
- Ensure students wash their hands regularly and sanitise their hands when they arrive at a classroom for a lesson.
- Arrange additional cleaning so that classrooms, hard surfaces and washrooms will be cleaned regularly throughout the school day.
- Ask students to come to school wearing PE kit on days when they have PE to avoid having large numbers of students close together in a crowded changing room.
- Amend our behaviour policy to ensure that hygienic and safe conduct becomes the norm.
- Put in a wide range of additional measures to ensure safety and hygiene.

We will give further details in next week's newsletter.

### **Microsoft Teams Lessons**

Teachers have been delivering an average of 8-10 Microsoft Teams lessons per week to students from Year 7-Year 9 for the past seven school days. I know teachers have worked hard at this and have been keen to develop their skills in using this teaching methodology. I am also aware that it may be possible that we need to use online learning in the future. Therefore it would be most helpful if parents could use the short survey which can be accessed via the link below to give us feedback on how these lessons have worked for your children. A response by Wednesday 15 July would be helpful.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=h9QXkipHEkSqJlaQB-bBMSIH81LhQEhPs3c4GfEBH-xUM1NBN1haNzFGNTc3TzIDSE4yQzJXWIA2Ri4u>

### **Ledbury Food Bank: Vouchers for the Summer 2020 Holiday**

Ledbury Food Bank is offering special vouchers to any families receiving free school meals and also to any other families in our school community that would benefit from a small amount of extra help during the school summer holiday. The voucher entitles families to visit the Food Bank once a week during the school holiday. If you would like a voucher to be sent to you please contact either Student Services or your child's current Year Leader before the end of term on Friday 17 July. The email addresses are:

Student Services: [SSA@jmhs.hereford.sch.uk](mailto:SSA@jmhs.hereford.sch.uk)

Y9 Mr Bees: [anthony.bees@jmhs.hereford.sch.uk](mailto:anthony.bees@jmhs.hereford.sch.uk)

Y7 Mr Wyatt: [dean.wyatt@jmhs.hereford.sch.uk](mailto:dean.wyatt@jmhs.hereford.sch.uk)

Y10 Miss Limbrick: [chloe.limbrick@jmhs.hereford.sch.uk](mailto:chloe.limbrick@jmhs.hereford.sch.uk)

Y8 Miss Newnes - [hayley.newnes@jmhs.hereford.sch.uk](mailto:hayley.newnes@jmhs.hereford.sch.uk) Y11 Mr Williams: [andy.williams@jmhs.hereford.sch.uk](mailto:andy.williams@jmhs.hereford.sch.uk)

### **Year 11 Students**

I am pleased that Mr Hammond will be inviting all Year 11 students into school on their GCSE results day to receive their results. Mr Hammond is writing with details that will ensure social distancing in school and arrangements for those students who do not wish to come into school to receive their results. Students when in school will be able to receive advice on sixth form courses and next steps for those hoping to go to college or obtain an apprenticeship. I am also very pleased that Mrs Locke is making excellent progress working on the Year 11 Year Book. We will let Year 11 students know when the Year Books and hoodies are available for collection. We would like to thank the vast majority of Year 11 students for bringing in their text books and encourage the last few to drop them off at Reception.

### **June and July Headteacher's Challenge**

There were many well researched, informative and entertaining newspaper articles entered for the June Challenge. Congratulations to the winning entrants who are:

First prize: Tilly Wright - Unusual Names

Joint Second prize: James Austen - Blockchains and Abbi Miller - Artificial Intelligence

Joint Third prize: Macsen Hunt - BLM: The Colston Crisis and William Barnett - Emu Wars

The above students will each be awarded a gift voucher and 20 house points. The following students submitted projects which were highly commended and will receive 10 house points:

George Garner - Surfers Against Sewage

Ava Smith - When will swimming pools open?

Heather Blackmore - Pokemon are real!

Jack Smart - Black Lives Matter protests

Lucy Brown - Nike products

Just a reminder that the July Headteacher's Challenge is to research and produce a piece of work entitled 'A discovery or invention that changed the world'. It can be based on anything that the student believes was world changing. Examples may include Darwin's theory of natural selection, the invention of the iPhone, starting the World Wide Web or the invention of electric cars or any other invention or discovery. Students may submit an essay, a podcast, a video, a presentation, a cartoon strip or through any other means they wish to use. Entries should explain about the entry or invention and how it changed the world and be e-mailed to me by Thursday 16 July at 12 noon at [andy.evans@jmhs.hereford.sch.uk](mailto:andy.evans@jmhs.hereford.sch.uk).

### **And finally**

It has been wonderful to see so many of next year's Year 7 students enjoying their tours of the school with Mr Wyatt and Mrs Fox. We very much look forward to welcoming them in September.

With my very best wishes



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**Headteacher**