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Dear parents and carers

Examination results

It has been an extremely confusing and stressful week for Year 11 and Year 13 students with the government finally deciding on Monday evening that Centre Assessed Grades (CAGs) would be awarded for all GCSE and A level students. Please note that the one exception to this is that if a student is awarded a higher grade by the exam board than their CAGs teacher assessed grades for their GCSE or A level qualification, the higher grade will stand. At JMHS teachers went to a huge amount of effort to ensure that the CAGs were as accurate and realistic as possible for all students and we are therefore confident that these grades, though not perfect, are as accurate as they could possibly be.

Our Sixth Form Leadership Team have been working very hard to support students secure their first choice and insurance choice place at university and we are pleased that the vast majority who have chosen to attend university will be going to their first choice university and are also pleased that others have excellent employment or apprenticeship offers. Please could any Year 13 student who needs further help with university or employment applications email mark.hawksworth@jmhs.hereford.sch.uk.

Year 11 students will be able to come into school tomorrow to pick up their GCSE results which will now be Centre Assessed Grades. Please could all Year 11 students arrive at the time specified in Mr Hammond's letter and follow the instructions in the letter to ensure appropriate social distancing. Staff will be on hand to answer any questions students have about their results and next steps. All students returning to our Sixth Form (JM6) are asked to ensure that they enrol in the sixth form and discuss their final choice of subjects with their allocated senior member of staff. If any students not attending the results day in person need to enrol in the sixth form a phone conversation will be arranged with a member of the Sixth Form Leadership Team. Staff will also be available to help and advise Y11 students with securing places at colleges and applying for apprenticeships.

If students or parents have any other questions about their results, please could we ask that you email exams.officer@jmhs.hereford.sch.uk and we will contact you to arrange a telephone call or meeting.

Full opening in September

We are very much looking forward to welcoming all students back to school and teaching the full curriculum from the start of the Autumn Term and we have been working hard to make sure the school is ready and as safe as it possibly can be. We have divided the school into six zones one for each of Year 7-Year 11 and one for the Sixth Form. Each zone has 6 or 7 classrooms and washrooms which will be used exclusively for that year group. In addition to this, teachers will book practical

spaces for certain lessons which may include Food Technology, ICT, Science and Design Technology. Practical spaces will be cleaned in between each lesson.

On days when students have PE or Dance, they should come to school wearing their PE or Dance uniform, so that students do not need to get changed in crowded changing rooms. They can wear blue tracksuit bottoms and school fleeces or jumpers over their PE/Dance uniform in order to stay warm. Students will have majority of their PE lessons outside on the tennis courts, the astroturf pitch or on the field. We have been working to make the school as safe as possible for September. This work includes clear labelling of each block, entrances, exits and corridors, figuring out how students move between lessons to stay separate from all other year groups and installing over 100 wall mounted sanitiser stations in classrooms and corridors so that students can sanitise their hands whenever they move to a new lesson. In order to minimise the amount of shared equipment between students we are asking that all students come to school each day with the following equipment:

- At least two good quality blue or black pens
- At least two sharp pencils
- An eraser
- A 30cm ruler
- A scientific calculator
- A green pen for marking their work
- A glue stick for sticking work into their books
- Exercise books and text books for the day
- A large pencil case to put their equipment in
- A mini whiteboard and marker pen which will be given out by form tutors at the start of term

In addition it would save students time in queuing up to use a sanitiser stations if students brought a small bottle of hand sanitiser into school. We are asking students not to use lockers so that there is no unnecessary mixing of year groups, instead we are asking them to bring their books and equipment for the day and take them home again at the end of the day. We will of course be emphasising with students the importance of safety and hygiene measures including:

- Washing their hands regularly and thoroughly for at least 20 seconds
- Sanitising their hands each time they arrive in a new classroom
- Coughing or sneezing into a tissue and immediately disposing of the tissue in the bin
- Avoiding physical contact with other students and doing the best they can to remain at least one metre away from other students
- Remaining in their 'year group bubble' and not mixing with students from other year groups

It would be most helpful if parents could also stress the importance of adhering to these safety measures to their children to help us make our school as safe as possible for everyone. If a student becomes unwell during the school day with symptoms of COVID 19, we will follow the latest advice from the government and Public Health England. We will ensure the student is isolated until parents arrive to collect the student and that parents arrange a test for COVID 19 as soon as possible. If there is a confirmed case or cases we will immediately contact Public Health England with full details and follow their advice. It is possible that in this case we may be advised to ask a year group to work from home. If that occurs our intention to continue to deliver live lessons via Microsoft Teams and set follow up activities via epraise.

We are slightly tweaking the times of the school day. This includes asking students who walk to school or are driven into school by the parents or carers to arrive in school at the following times:

- Year 7: 8.30-8.35am and then to report straight to the Sports Hall where they will meet their Year Leader or Tutor before being walked over to their first lesson
- Year 8 and Year 9: 8.40-8.45am and then to report straight to their zone and the classroom for their first lesson
- Year 10 and Year 11: 8.50-8.55am and then to report straight to their zone and the classroom for their first lesson
- Sixth Form: 8.35-8.40am and then report straight to their zone and the classroom for their first lesson

Morning break will be from 11.00-11.15am with students supervised in areas close to their teaching rooms. After third lesson, Year 7 will be escorted to the Dining Room for an early lunch at 12 noon. Between 12.15pm and 12.45pm Year 9 and Year 11 will have their lunch break whilst Year 8 and Year 10 have tutor time. Between 12.45pm and 1.15pm the year groups will be swapped so that Year 7, Year 9 and Year 11 have tutor time and Year 8, Year 10 and the Sixth Form have lunch. Each year group will be kept separate from other year groups at lunch. At 3.00pm Year 7 students will be walked down to the bus park and students who walk home will be able to do so, whilst those who wait for a bus will be supervised until the buses arrive. Parents of Year 7 students who wish to pick up students in their car may arrive in the school car park between 2.45pm and 3.00pm. No vehicles except school buses will be allowed to enter the car park between 3.00pm and 3.30pm. Year 8 and Year 9 students will be walked to the bus park at 3.10pm and students who walk home will be able to do so, whilst those who wait for a bus will be supervised until the buses arrive. Year 10, Year 11 and Sixth Form students will be walked to the bus park at 3.20pm and students who walk home will be able to do so, whilst those who wait for a bus will be supervised until the buses arrive. Parents who wish to collect their children by car may do so after 3.30pm and students will remain under supervision in their year groups in the bus park until parents arrive.

On Tuesdays the after school lessons for students studying triple science in Year 10 and Year 11 and for dual linguists in Year 8 will continue as planned with lessons finishing at approximately 4.20pm. After these lessons students will be escorted to the bus park by their teachers and then they will be able to walk home or supervised until they are picked up by their parents or wait for their late bus.

Miss Newnes, our new enrichment co-ordinator will be contacting parents in the first fortnight of term with details of our amended extra curricular programme which will be year group based. Mrs King, who has led The Hub for the past two years is leading our catch up programme and can be contacted at sally.king@jmhs.hereford.sch.uk if parents have any questions about catch up or supporting vulnerable students.

If you have any other questions please could we ask you to contact us via admin@jmhs.hereford.sch.uk and we will arrange for your child's Year Leader or another member of staff to contact you.

Provision of meals at JMHS

There will be no breakfast service or brunch service but at lunchtimes, students will be able to purchase hot or cold food. Our deli bar will be closed and there will only be one counter for food service. There will be more staff and a staggered lunchtime so queues should be lower than usual.

Students will be able to purchase a meal deal menu costing £2.30. This will comprise of:

- a sandwich or baguette filled with a variety of fillings to choose from
- or**
- one of three hot option choices (eg pasta with roast tomato sauce, hot pork roll, shepherds pie, pizza)

plus

- a drink (water, apple/orange juice, flavoured water)
- a pudding such as fruit, yoghurt, jelly, flapjack

We will also be offering a selection of premium drinks at 80p each and a selection of flapjacks/cookies priced at 80p for students who wish to top up their packed lunch.

Finally

The first day of term for Year 7 and Sixth Form students is Thursday 3 September. The first day of term for Year 8 to Year 11 students is Friday 4 September.

I am very much look forwarding to seeing the JMHS students for the new term.

With my very best wishes



Andrew Evans
Headteacher