



Woodside High School

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Dear students, parents and carers of Woodside,

We would like to thank you for the incredible support and welcome we have had to Woodside. We joined your community with high expectations for what we knew to already be an outstanding school but those expectations have been surpassed. We feel very lucky to be part of such a wonderful place.

We are mindful that you will all have some questions about school in September. The Government recently announced that schools will be opening in full in September. We are delighted to be welcoming all students in all Year groups back to Woodside in September and are in the process of making careful plans to ensure the safety of all. We are following the guidance from the Department of Education, Public Health England, Haringey Education Partnership and Unions and will aim to share our full plans for September with you during the summer break.

The Curriculum

We are planning on students being in school full time, being taught a full curriculum by subject specialists, with only small changes made to the school day – potentially a slightly staggered departure time, for example. We are looking carefully at minimising risk and it is of utmost importance to us that students continue to experience the engaging, enriching and wonderful learning at Woodside as they have always had. We strongly believe that students deserve to have access to the full range of subjects on offer at Woodside.

Attendance

The Government has said that attendance to school is compulsory. We are also aware of some unhelpful messages in the media about parents and carers being fined if they do not send their children to school. We understand that this is a worrying time for all and we welcome speaking to families about any concerns you might have. Decisions will be taken on a case by case basis in partnership between the school and families, and we ask that you contact your child's Head of Year in the first instance so that we can plan for your child's specific needs to support a safe return to school.



GCSEs

We are awaiting further information from the examinations boards regarding the option to re-sit 2020 GCSEs, and what the arrangements will be for GCSEs in 2021. We will communicate any information we have as soon as we know more.

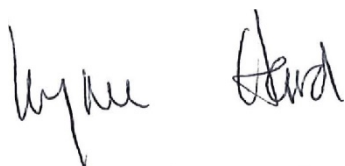
The arrangements for GCSE results day (Thursday 20th August 2020) will be sent to Year 11 students during the Summer break. Students will be able to access their results online but we realise that for some, the preference will be to collect them in school. Careful plans so that can happen in a safe and secure manner are being made.

Updates

We will publish any updates on our school website, www.woodsidehighschool.co.uk as soon as possible and will notify families by text.

This has been an extraordinary few months and we are astonished at how amazingly Woodsiders have come together, supported one another, worked so hard and been so committed to this incredible community. We thank you wholeheartedly for your ongoing support and look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

Yours sincerely,



Ms Hardcastle
Interim Co-Headteacher



Ms Hartley
Interim Co-Headteacher

