



MURRAY PARK NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear parents/carers and students

We have come to the end of interesting and varied term, with another full lockdown and then a return to full-time on-site learning. I am incredibly humbled by how well all staff, students and parents have coped with the continuously changing picture. It is a credit to our school community how smoothly everything has run.

Yesterday, I was invited to a surprise goodbye ceremony by Ravensdale Infant School staff and students. It was a lovely event which made me extremely proud to have worked with such a talented staff and such polite and well-mannered children over the past few months. I was delighted to be presented with some lovely flowers, on behalf



of Murray Park School, and a collection of thank you notes, alongside 3 cheers! It has been pleasure and we look forward to welcoming Ravensdale children back to Murray Park when they reach Year 7.



Our new sporting facilities are beginning to take shape, with the basketball court fencing up and preparations being made to lay the new surface. The courts at the back of school will begin after Easter and we look forward to making good use of the facilities in PE lessons, extra curricular activities and hiring out for community use—more on this in the summer term.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a happy and relaxing Easter break. Hopefully the sun will shine and we can all come back refreshed and ready to learn.

Nicola Caley
Headteacher



PTA

What is PTA?

The Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is a partnership between parents and educators who strive to enhance student learning and enrich the lives of the students within the school. It is also a forum for parents to obtain knowledge and voice their opinions about what is happening in their school.

Why Join a PTA?

1. Being part of the PTA helps you get to know other parents and their children. This is important for school matters but also great for a more active social life!
2. Talking to other parents helps you and them. As we all find out, kids don't come with instructions. No sooner do we feel we have learned to deal with one thing and there is something else to address. Sharing experiences and parenting tips helps us all.
3. If you work it out, the commitment is not too much. The occasional evening meeting and possible school fundraisers.
4. Everyone has different talents and skills they can bring to the parent teacher association. The best PTA's are inclusive and find ways of incorporating all the different things that people can offer. Be that of a fantastic cookie recipe for a bake sale or an excellent idea for a fundraising event!
5. Parents are a great interface between the school and the 'outside world'. Very handy for soliciting raffle prizes, sponsorship other gifts in kind or professional help.
6. It's actually quite fun to run the stall at the school bazaar. Or watch the kids enjoy themselves at the school disco or prom night. Isn't this what it's all about - part of the whole parenting package!
7. Amplify your voice. PTA trains parents to advocate for children by taking actions and building coalitions that make positive change.

We are in desperate need for more PTA members, both parents and teachers, to enable us to continue as an active PTA. If you interested or would like more information please contact Mrs Caley on nicola.caley@murraypark.derby.sch.uk.

Join the PTA!



ENGLISH - YOUNG WRITERS COMPETITION WINNERS



Twelve Murray Park students in Year 9 and Year 11 will have their creative work published, having been selected by the Young Writers organisation following a competition to write pieces entitled 'Unsolved.'

There were over 6,500 entries in this national competition, so for so many Murray Park students to be selected is testament to the hard work of the students as well as their English teachers. Clearly creative writing is something that is being taught well!

Well done to all of the students involved. Each will receive a certificate and a bookmark in recognition of their excellent work.



ASPIRATIONS, CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY NEWS

A-Level Virtual Taster Evening - Wednesday 31st March 2021 - Derby College (derby-college.ac.uk)

Derby College Virtual Open Day for all courses at Broomfield Hall will take place on Wednesday 28th April 2021 5pm - 7pm (pre-registration is required - <https://intouch.derby-college.ac.uk/Forms/eventregistration>) courses include:

Agriculture, Animal Care, Apprenticeships, Arboriculture, Conservation & Countryside, Construction (Groundworks), Equine, Floristry, Higher Education, Horticulture, Inclusion Curriculum (For students with Learning Difficulties / Disabilities), Public Services, Sports

Apprenticeships

We are aware that a number of Y11 students are seeking apprenticeship opportunities and due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation vacancies are down in numbers this year but we've been informed that once restrictions are lifted more employers will be in a position to offer more apprenticeship opportunities. Visit <https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch> and <https://amazingapprenticeships.com/vacancies/> for more information



Parent support information

We have included the link to the 'parents guide' newsletter for April which has a number of blogs that parents might find useful, including some suggestions of fun ideas for teens to do over the holidays given there are still so many restrictions in place.

<https://www.theparentsguideto.co.uk/school-newsletter>

- Having some fun over the Easter holidays
- Get competitive – competitions to help your teen stand out
- How stress affects teens and what you can do to help
- Engaging the senses to get more out of life for you and your teen
- Virtual work experience – why your child should take part
- EPQs - For Year 11s going on to sixth form, now is a good time for them to consider whether they'd like to take an EPQ and, if so, what they'd like to focus on. We've written this blog so parents know why and how an EPQ can be valuable.
- Awarding academic grades in 2021 without examinations
- Awarding vocational and technical qualifications in 2021

Early this month the careers team was also involved in a virtual meeting with the Department for Education and Toyota Manufacturing UK about the fantastic partnership working we have in helping raise aspirations and improving opportunities for our students at Murray Park. We were highly commended for all the work we do with Toyota by the Permanent Secretary at Department for Education Susan Acland-Hood.

If any Y11 student is still unsure about their next steps for September and would like some support and arrange a careers meeting please email Mr Taylor at tim.taylor@murraypark.derby.sch.uk

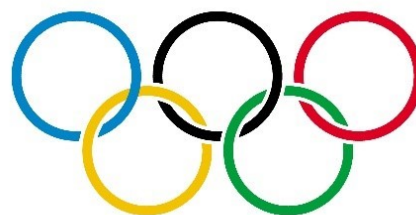
PE NEWS - GET SET GO

On Monday the 22nd of February the PE department launched the 2021 Get Set Go Murray Park to Tokyo challenge. The aim of the challenge is for students and staff to help Murray Park virtually reach Tokyo in time for the summer Olympics.

Students and staff have been recording their distances for walking, jogging/running and cycling. They have then used the Get Set Go TEAMS page to post and celebrate their success.

This challenge has been a great way for students to stay activity and enjoy daily physical activity within the Covid guidelines. The results are updated weekly and then posted onto the TEAMS page and the Tutor slides. The challenge is also a competition for individuals, tutor groups and school communities. Murray Park are well on the way to reaching Tokyo in time for the summer Olympics.

Please see the latest results tables and thank you for everyone's support. Mrs Hollins PE.



NAME	TUTOR GROUP	COMMUNITY	DISTANCE
Kalpriya	7S	Merlin	146Km
Mr Cantrill		Kestrel	14.87Km
Henry	7A	Griffon	8.3Km

NAME	TUTOR GROUP	COMMUNITY	DISTANCE
Miss Pattison	9P	Kestrel	72.57Km
Henry	7A	Griffon	39Km
Sabahat	9K	Griffon	30.58Km
Sudais	7P	Kestrel	5.72 Km
Leah	7R	Kestrel	3.7Km
Tilly	7M	Kestrel	2.25Km
Mr Flint	11X	Pegasus	2km

NAME	Tutor Group	Community	Total-Steps
Miss Gupillon	7A	Griffon	694,324
Mr Baddiley		Griffon	350,029
Miss Bentley	7K	Kestrel	339,283
Mr Heaney		Merlin	335,981
Miss Gaillard	8K	Kestrel	266,728
Mr Papachristou			219,456
Mrs Pearce		Griffon	217,393
Ms Morley		Merlin	199,927
Miss Young	8Y	Pegasus	188,908
Mr Featherstone		Griffon	182,371
Mrs Durose	9A	Kestrel	100,635
Mrs Baker		Pegasus	86,959
Miss Pattison		Kestrel	54,889
Miss Casey	8U	Kestrel	33,158
Mr Rossell		Merlin	21,533
Mr Flint	11X	Pegasus	16,470
Mrs Makaxis		Pegasus	14,814

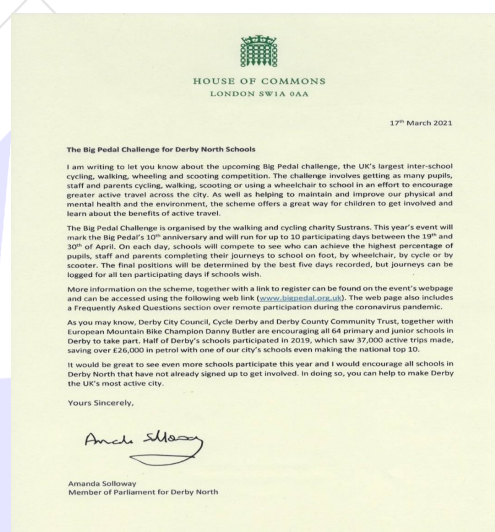
NAME	Tutor Group	Community	Total-Steps
Kevin	10R	Pegasus	300,371
Billy	7P	Kestrel	268,571
Kalpriya	7S	Merlin	243,901
Joshua	9A	Merlin	203,791
Sudais	7P	Kestrel	183,607
Emie	8Y	Pegasus	171,450
Leon	9P	Kestrel	156,948
Leah	7R	Kestrel	150,763
Isobel	7U	Pegasus	69,059
Poppy	8Y	Pegasus	66,750
Gabriella	7M	Kestrel	64,092
Henry	7A	Griffon	40,120
Adib	7M	Kestrel	15,569
Bethany	8S	Kestrel	15,390
Tilly	7M	Kestrel	2,000



PE NEWS - GET SET GO

Murray Park has been registered for The Big Pedal .
Form tutors will do a head count on whether students have walked, scootered or cycled to school every day from the 19th April-30th

It would be fantastic if we can have as many students as possible walking, scootering or cycling to school between 19th -30th April and beyond. Mrs Hollins PE.



LOCKERS

ADVANCE NOTICE

Lockers September will be available to renew or book from **1st May** (more details to follow) for use from September.



SAFER INTERNET RESOURCES



Free online resources for parents / carers

You can use the link below to access new updated parental guides to help keep your children safe and for the actions they take online.

Covering risks posed and actions to keep safe, these guides cover the big four social media platforms your child may be using (Instagram, WhatsApp, Snapchat and TikTok).

<http://tiny.cc/htjyjj>

GO 4 SCHOOLS

In order for parents/carers to be able to access Go 4 Schools we need to have an accurate email address on our school system.

Please make sure as parents/carers that you have given us your most up to date email address and that all students know how to access their school emails.

New users and those resetting their passwords (if they've been forgotten) on Go 4 Schools will need to retrieve a link sent to their email address in order to set up a new password.

The school website has a simple link for students and parents to click on to go straight through to the Go 4 Schools website and log in.

If you do have difficulties please contact Patricia Bowler, Data Manager

Email: catherine.bowler@murraypark.derby.sch.uk



GIVING MACHINE



We have exciting fund raising news.

You can now help raise donations for **Murray Park Community School** without you even leaving your sofa. And it doesn't cost you a penny!

We have signed up to www.thegivingmachine.co.uk.

TheGivingMachine is a fundraising organisation designed to help charitable causes raise money online. By signing up and shopping online via **The Giving Machine** you will generate a free cash donation for us. With over 2,000 of your favourite retailers, including Amazon, Ebay, M&S, NEXT, Tesco, Sainsbury, John Lewis, Ocado and holiday companies, you are bound to find what you need and generate a donation.

In order to start raising free donations please go to www.thegivingmachine.co.uk and follow these steps:

Click join as a giver. It will ask you to search for a cause.

Murray Park Community School in the search and then select from the list of results.

Click join and support and then enter your details.

Your help will make a difference to our school, anyone can join as a giver (parent, aunts, uncles, grandparents, staff etc)

Many thanks for your support so far you have raised £103.88



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Hello **Murray Park Community School**, total raised so far **£103.88**.

Hi Murray Park Community School, Welcome Back

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Derby, Derbyshire, DE3 9LL
01332515921

Your sign up code is: 241486

[Edit fundraising page](#)

[View fundraising page](#)



Your Progress

Donations		View donations		
	December 2020	January 2021	February 2021	
Donations	5	3	2	
Amount raised	1.97	0.23	0.32	

Givers		Email Your Givers
Active Givers	0	
Total Givers	25	
Givers with S&G Reminder	4	

Promote your cause

Click on the cogs to find out more



UNIFORM SUPPLIER INFORMATION

MEASUREMENT GUIDE FOR BOYS & GIRLS

Our garment sizes reflect the size of body the garment will fit in.

For example: if chest measures 32 inches then blazer size 32 will fit, however if you require a more roomier fit, select larger than 32.

1 COLLAR
Measure around the base of the neck, where the collar sits.

2 CHEST
Place the tape close under the arms. Measure the chest at the fullest part.

3 WAIST
Measure around the natural waistline.

4 HIPS
Measure around the fullest part of the hips.

5 INSIDE LEG
Measure from the crotch to the hem of the trousers.

6 SKIRT LENGTH
For skirt length measure from waist to knee.

SENIOR SIZE GUIDE

BLAZERS		BOYS SHIRTS		GIRLS BLOUSE	
"TO FIT" CHEST SIZE	APPROX AGE	COLLAR SIZE	APPROX AGE	CHEST SIZE	APPROX AGE
28,29,30	9-10	13"	11	30"	9-10
31, 32, 33	11-12	13.5"	12	32"	11
34, 35, 36	13	14"	12-13	34"	12-13
37, 38, 39	14-16	14.5"	13-14	36"	13-14
40, 42	-	15"	14-15	38"	14-15
		15.5"	16	40"	16
		16"-16.5"	-	42"	-

SWEATSHIRT/HOODIES		POLO T-SHIRTS		RUGBY & SPORTS TOPS	
"TO FIT" CHEST SIZE	APPROX AGE	"TO FIT" CHEST SIZE	APPROX AGE	"TO FIT" CHEST SIZE	APPROX AGE
30	9-10	30	9-10	30-32	9-12
32	11-12	32	11-12	34-36	13-14
34	13	34	13	38-40	15-16
XS	14	36	14	42-44	-
S	14	38	15		
M	15	40	16+		
L-XL	16+	42	-		

UNIFORM DIRECT

-----CALL & COLLECT STEPS-----

Order between 10am to 1pm Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday

Same day collection slots available by appointment

(Subject to availability of slots)

01332 342569

SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE—please see updates on our Facebook & Twitter pages

1 BEFORE CALLING

- Have your shopping list and the sizes you need ready.
- Have your payment card ready.
- Orders are taken Monday, Weds, Fri & Sat 10am-1pm for collection on the same day, by appointment only.

2 ORDERING

- To order call 01332 342569
- Our friendly team will pick your order and take payment over the phone.
- When your order is ready, you will receive a text message with your order number & a web link to book your collection slot. Please wait until you receive the text message before travelling to the store!

3 COLLECTION

- On arriving at the store at your pre-booked collection time slot, please have your order number ready.
- One person to collect order. Please follow social distancing guidelines to keep everybody safe.
- Please ensure you are wearing a face covering before entering the store and use the hand sanitiser provided.
- You will be required to sign for your order.
- Sorry returns or further purchases will not be permitted during collection slots.

MON | WEDS | FRI & SAT
10AM TO 1PM

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FREE SCHOOL MEALS ELIGIBILITY

How to check if your child is eligible for free school meals

It only takes a few minutes to can check your eligibility online, although you will need the following information to hand before starting your online application:

- Your own name and date of birth
- Your National Insurance number or National Asylum Seekers number
- Your email address
- Your child/ren's date of birth

Website address: <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/link2ict>



PARENTPAY - ONLINE PAYMENT SERVICE

ParentPay is our preferred method of making payments to school. This is a secure online payments system accessed via a website where parents & carers can use their credit or debit card to pay for school trips and school meals.

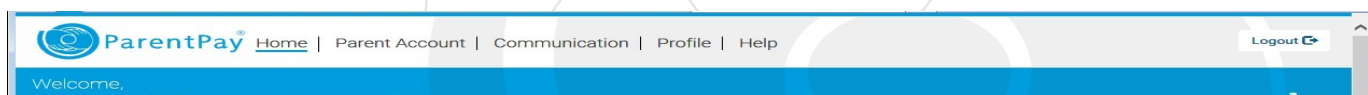
By using ParentPay your child/ren will not have to worry about losing money at school and also ensures that all financial transactions are safe and secure.

If you want to find out more about ParentPay go to:

www.parentpay.com/Parents

If you have not received an activation code and would like one, please email finance@murraypark.derby.sch.uk to request an activation code; also include your child's name in this request.

Once you have activated your account there are some really useful FAQs on the help & support pages which can be accessed via the help link at the top of your log in page.



COVID-19 TESTING AT HOME

Students will now be moving to twice weekly, rapid COVID-19 testing at home. This is following their first three supervised tests on site at school.

Up to 1 in 3 people who have COVID-19 have no symptoms and could be spreading it without knowing. Getting into a regular habit of testing twice a week will help stop the virus spreading, keeping your family and friends safer.

We have sent home 2 COVID-19 testing kits with your child last week after their third test. Please make sure your child tests themselves **twice a week 3-5 days apart, in the morning before school if possible and, if not, the evening before.**

Your child should also **continue testing twice a week, at home, throughout the Easter school holidays.** We will be sending home 2 extra test kits for Easter holiday before term ends.

This does not replace testing for those with symptoms. If you have symptoms you must self-isolate immediately, book a PCR test and follow national guidelines.

Reporting results

It is really important that results of test are reported online straight away, even if your child's result is negative or void. It's easy to do at www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result.

Results can also be reported via telephone by calling 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day, 7am to 11pm.

It is important to keep a note of your child's results and share with school by using this link <http://tiny.cc/8twqtz> or scan the QR code using your phones camera app.



If you have any issues with your test kit such as multiple voids, damaged or missing items please report it by using this link <http://tiny.cc/o2tutz>.

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Links to reporting your results or issues with your test kits can also be found on our school website under Key Information, Covid Guidance, Covid Testing.

Testing for parents, households and bubbles twice a week

A reminder that regular rapid testing is now also available for parents, their households and support or childcare bubbles. The government is encouraging all families to participate in twice weekly testing to help stop the spread.

Parents and other adults in the household can access tests by:

- Ordering tests online www.gov.uk/order-school-household-tests

- Getting an assisted test at work, if it is available





- Attending a test site to get tested (where you will be able to see how to take the test) or pick up tests to do at home.

To find out more on school household testing visit [Households and bubbles of pupils, students and staff of schools and colleges: get rapid lateral flow tests - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

We continue to encourage everyone to take part in regular Covid-19 testing.

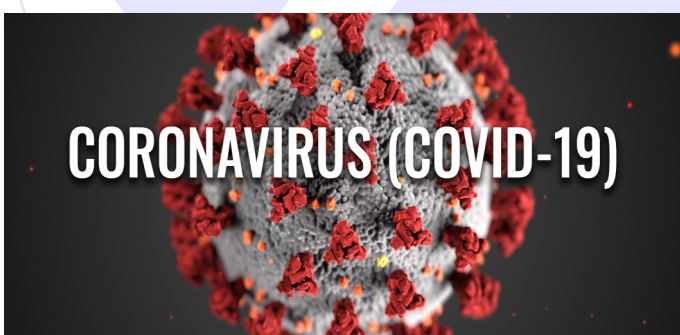
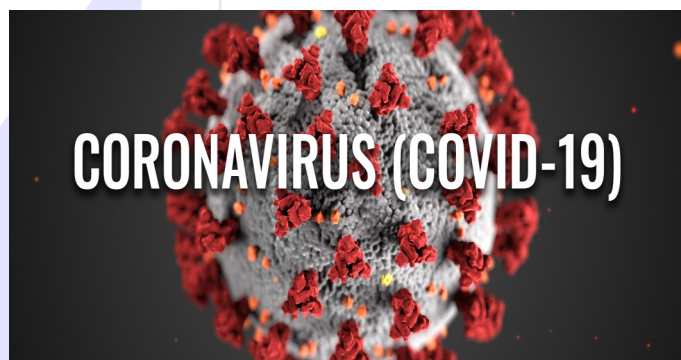
COVID-19 PARENT GUIDES





COVID-19 (coronavirus) absence: **let's do the right thing for Derby**
A quick guide for parents / carers Derby City Council

What to do if...	Action needed	Back to school...
 ...my child has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child shouldn't attend school Child should get a test Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result Inform school immediately about test results 	...when child's test comes back negative provided they have been fever free for the 48 hours before returning to school, and feel well
 ...my child tests positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child shouldn't attend school Child self-isolates for at least 10 days from when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) Inform school immediately about test results Whole household self-isolates for 10 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - even if someone tests negative during those 10 days 	<p>...after 10 days, once child feels better, and has been fever-free for at least 48 hours</p> <p>They can return to school after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of smell / taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection is gone.</p>
 ...somebody in my household has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child shouldn't attend school Household member with symptoms should get a test Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result Inform school immediately about test results 	...when household member test is negative, and child does not have COVID-19 symptoms*
 ...somebody in my household has tested positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child shouldn't attend school Whole household self-isolates for 10 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - even if someone tests negative during those 10 days 	...when child has completed 10 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during the 10 days

Symptoms include at least one of a high temperature; a new continuous cough; a loss of or change to your sense of smell or taste.

See more at: nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms



What to do if...	Action needed	Back to school...
 ...NHS Test and Trace has identified my child as a 'close contact' of a confirmed COVID-19 (coronavirus) case	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child shouldn't attend school Child self-isolates for 10 days (as advised by NHS Test and Trace) - even if they test negative during those 10 days Rest of household does not need to self-isolate, unless they are a 'close contact' too 	...when the child has completed 10 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during those 10 days
 ...we / my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not take unauthorised leave in term time Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel Provide information to school as per attendance policy <p>Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child shouldn't attend school Whole household self-isolates for 10 days - even if they test negative during those 10 days 	...when the quarantine period of 10 days has been completed for the child, even if they test negative during those 10 days
 ...we have received advice from a medical / official source that my child must resume shielding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child shouldn't attend school Contact school as advised by attendance officer / pastoral team Child should shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again 	...when school / other agencies inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again
 ...I am not sure who should get a test for COVID-19 (coronavirus)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only people with symptoms* need to get a test People without symptoms are not advised to get a test, even if they are a 'close contact' of someone who tests positive 	...when conditions above, as matching your situation, are met

If anyone in your household has symptoms*, book a free COVID-19 test at nhs.uk/coronavirus or call 119

For further information visit gov.uk/backtoschool

SCHOOL NOTICES

STAY SAFE



Please remember to wear your face covering when moving around indoors, such as in corridors and communal areas where social distancing is difficult to maintain.

Catering

Did you know, you can set a daily limit on your child's dinner card to help them budget their allowance.



Please contact the Catering Manager on 01332 515921



Parking near School

Please can you drop off and pick up your child away from the school and avoid blocking residents drives.



Bike Safety

Please remember to wear a helmet and lock your bike up safely at school.

Please come to Student Services if you would like any free sanitary products.

TERM/KEY DATES 2020-2021

	<u>Last Day at School</u>	<u>First Day Back at School For</u>
SPRING 2021	Thursday 1st April 2021	Monday 19th April 2021
May 2021 Half Term	Friday 28th May 2021	Monday 7th June 2021
SUMMER 2021	Thursday 22nd July 2021	

INSET Days

Friday 2nd July 2021
Friday 23rd July 2021

Bank Holidays (outside of school holidays)

Friday 2nd April 2021 (Good Friday)
Monday 3rd May 2021 (May Day)

Parents' evening



Tuesday 15th June Year 7 Parents' Evening
Tuesday 13th July Year 10 Parents' Evening