**Our Ref:** AdminSA:SLT/HAT/JOD

**Date:**  20th July 2021

Dear **Form Group:**

**Information for Year 7 parent/carers regarding the return to school in September 2021**

We are really looking forward to your child joining us in September and would like to outline the arrangements for the first two days on Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd September.

Firstly, Year 7 will come in to school on Wednesday 1st September for their Lateral Flow Device test (if consent has been given). The attached letter explains the arrangements for this process.

Please attend school at the time slot for your child’s form below. Please enter via the pedestrian gate on Rook Street and go straight to the Sports Hall. If you have not yet returned your child’s consent form, you may bring it along on the day. You are welcome to accompany your child to the testing.

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| **9.00am**  Mr Neal  7NET | **9.20am**  Mrs Loutfi  7LOU | **9.40am**  Mrs Eddy  7EDD | **10.00am**  Miss John  7JOH | **10.20am**  Mrs Batho-Hughes  7BAT | **10.40am**  Miss Farrington  7FAR |

On Thursday 2nd September, please ensure that your child arrives at the Rook Street entrance no later than 8.40am. They will be directed to the Dining Hall.

Nicole will need to bring the following:

* A pencil case with a pencil, rubber, ruler and a black pen
* A reading book (not a magazine)
* A pair of trainers
* Water bottle
* A packed lunch or money to use for break and lunch in the Dining Hall

**Attendance**

Good attendance and punctuality are a key factor in terms of attainment. If students are absent from school, they will fall behind with their work, and miss crucial learning as a result. Ruskin expects that student attendance is at least 95% or above. There can be many reasons for a student’s absence, but school needs to be informed on every occasion, and we ask that parents ring in at the beginning of every day if their child is absent. If you need any support with your child’s attendance, we would urge you to contact us as soon as possible so that we can help.

**Uniform**

By now you will have received your appointment for coming in to school to order uniform. At Ruskin, we believe that uniform is important. It helps students to feel part of the Ruskin community, and makes the point that there is no discrimination between students in school. It sets a standard which supports our expectations of work and behaviour and helps maintain the right discipline for learning. We are therefore grateful for your support in insisting on high standards of dress. You can find a full description of uniform expectations on the school website

<https://www.ruskinhighschool.co.uk/our-school/uniform/> Shoes must be a full school shoe and not trainers or hybrid style shoes such as Air Force 1s. School skirts can only be purchased from Uniforms Direct 2U. Can we also remind you that only hair colours which are natural are allowed; no sculptured haircuts, including lines, marks or patterns, are allowed and hair length must be at least a Grade 2.  Students must not shave their eyebrows or wear facial piercings.

**Learning tasks for the summer**

On the Ruskin website ‘Transition’ page you will find a number of fun learning tasks, one for each of the subjects that we teacher.  I’m sure your child will enjoy having a go at the tasks and exercises. Some of them require writing, some need drawings & some are practical challenges – we think there is something for everyone! Remember, you can look at them over the summer holidays and it will help you to think about the skills you need for your school work when you start in Year 7. You don’t have to do all of them, but I would like you try as many as possible.  On the first day back, it would be good if you could bring one piece of work in (just one sheet of A4 from one of the tasks) to show your Form Tutor.  We look forward to seeing how you get on.

May I just remind you, if you haven’t already done so, please can you return your Data Collection forms as soon as possible. It is vital that we have all this information before your child starts fully on 2nd September.

I hope you have an enjoyable and restful summer.

Yours sincerely

**Mr Hartley**

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Year 7 Year Achievement Manager

Enc: Arrangements for LFD testing at the start of the Autumn Term

Miss Szymura, Deputy Headteacher

**NEW TIMES OF THE SCHOOL DAY**

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| **MONDAY - THURSDAY** | | **FRIDAY** | **MONDAY - THURSDAY** | | **FRIDAY** |
|  | **Years 8/10** | **Years 8/10** |  | **Years 7/9/11** | **Years 7/9/11** |
| **AM Form Tutor** | **8.40-8.55** | **8.40-8.55** | **AM Form Tutor** | **8.40-8.55** | **8.40-8.55** |
| L1 | 8.55-9.55 | 8.55-9.50 | L1 | 8.55-9.55 | 8.55-9.50 |
| **Break** | **9.55-10.10** | **9.50-10.05** | L2 | 9.55-10.55 | 9.50-10.45 |
| L2 | 10.10-11.10 | 10.05-11.00 | **Break** | **10.55-11.10** | **10.45-11.00** |
| L3 | 11.10-12.10 | 11.00-11.55 | L3 | 11.10-12.10 | 11.00-11.55 |
| **Lunch** | **12.10-12.50** | **11.55-12.35** | L4 | 12.10-1.10 | 11.55-12.50 |
| L4 | 12.50-1.50 | 12.35-1.30 | **Lunch** | **1.10-1.50** | **12.50-1.30** |
| **PM Form Tutor** | **1.50-2.00** | **1.30-1.40** | **PM Form Tutor** | **1.50-2.00** | **1.30-1.40** |
| L5 | 2.00-3.00 | 1.40-2.35 | L5 | 2.00-3.00 | 1.40-2.35 |