



VALENTINES HIGH SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mr R D Laws B.A. (Hons)

Dear Parent, Carer

Start of term:

To allow staff to be trained and students to be acclimatised to new routines, we will operate a staggered start of term in September. Each year group will be in for one day only on either the 3rd or 4th September and then from Monday 7th September all year groups will be in attendance. To support the school in minimising mixing between year groups, please make sure your child enters the school through the correct gate.

Thursday 3rd September

- Year 7 at 8.25am,
- Year 11 at 8.40am,
- Year 13 at 8.30am

Students in these year groups should not attend on Friday 4th September.

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Years 8, 9, 10 and 12 at 8.30am

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Monday 7th September

All students return at 8.30am

Uniform:

In line with government guidelines the school will be moving from a Vertical House system to a Year group system. As such, for health and safety we are introducing a uniform change to enable all staff to identify pupils within year groups. Tie colours will now be linked to year groups rather than houses. You are asked to purchase your child a tie to reflect the year group that they are in for this coming September.

- **Year group tie colours:**
 - Year 7 – Blue
 - Year 8 – Green
 - Year 9 – Yellow
 - Year 10 – Orange
 - Year 11 – Red

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The link below will take you directly to Lucilla Schoolwear where you will be able to purchase a tie:

http://www.lucillaschoolwear.co.uk/Find-Your-School/Valentines-High/Valentines-Tie.Html?search_in_description=1&keyword=valentines&cPath=162

If parents are replacing items of school uniform during the holiday, I would also like to remind parents that the only jewellery permitted (apart from religious items), is a watch and a pair of ear studs, one in each ear. Pupils who have other piercings will be asked to remove excess jewellery. Please ensure your child has a proper winter coat in a dark colour (no logos). 'Hoody' style tops are not permitted. Shoes must be plain black with black soles.

In September, all students are expected to come to school in full school uniform wearing the appropriate colour tie for the year group they are in. Students who have PE during the school day must come to school in their PE kit as we will not be using the changing room until further notice.

The school day:

From 7th September 2020, the school day will start for all students at 8.30am with year groups entering by the designated school gate. Parents are urged not to drop off their child at school if possible and if you do drop them off, only one parent comes with your child. We also ask that you leave as soon as your child is in school.

- Year 12 and 13, enter through the gate in Perth road and not Cranbrook road.
- Years 7, 9 and 10 enter through the North Gate, which is the one closest to Gants Hill tube station
- Years 8 and 11 enter through the south gate, which is the one next to Valentines Park.

The school day will finish at the following times with students in Years 7-11 leaving by either the North or South gate and Year 12 and 13 students by the gate in Perth road:

- Year 7 3.00pm
- Year 8 3.05pm
- Year 9 3.05pm
- Year 10 3.10pm
- Year 11 3.10pm
- Year 12 and 13 3.10pm

Equipment list:

In order to minimise equipment sharing during lessons pupils are asked that they bring in the following equipment each day:

- Pencil case
- Blue/Black Pen
- Green Pen
- Ruler
- Sharpener
- Rubber
- Calculator
- Glue stick
- Reading book
- Student planner
- ❖ Plans are subject to review and may change as a result of government guidance