



# NORTON COLLEGE

Beyond Expectations

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Dear Parents and Carers

We have reached the end of a comparatively short but, nevertheless intense, half term. It has marked the return to formal examinations for the first time since 2019 and I would like to congratulate Year 11 and Year 13 students for the way in which they have approached these examinations so conscientiously.

### **Year 11 Update**

Students continue to approach their examinations with a clear sense of commitment and dedication. Thank you for your support at this crucial time. The examination season will continue through until the end of June and our subject staff will continue to work closely with students to offer support, advice and guidance. All our teaching staff have given information to students in Year 11 to support the structuring of revision activities during the half-term break.

From Monday 6th June, all students in Year 11 had one of two options to consider on those days when a formal examination is taking place. Mr Stones recently wrote to all parents to confirm receipt of this response and the information that we hold for your child. It is crucial that this information is correct and up to date.

**Please contact us should you need to update your preference as failure to do so will automatically trigger truancy reporting procedures if your child is not on-site but was expected to be.**

### **Changes to Break and Lunchtime Arrangements**

From Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June onwards, we will be changing break and lunchtime arrangements. Students in Year 7 and Year 9 will take break and lunchtime together, from 10:10-10:35 and 13:35-14:15 respectively. Students in Year 8 and Year 10 will take break and lunchtime together, alongside Year 11 students who are in school, from 11:10-11:35 and 12:35-13:15 respectively. Break and lunchtime arrangements for the Sixth Form are unchanged.

Alongside these changes, students will be admitted to the canteen one year group at a time. Mr Fryirs and Mrs Edwards have explained these arrangements to students during assemblies today and Mentors will reiterate the details on the first day back.

Additionally, there will be a 'queue jump aisle' provided for all year groups for those students who have bought a queue jump pass with their recognition points. This is an incentive which was suggested by the Student Leadership Team earlier this term.

### **Uniform Consultation**

Following a wide-ranging consultation with students, parents and staff, we will be making some changes to our uniform policy with effect from September. Mrs Edwards will be writing to all parents during the



suitability of their options. Most of these conversations have now taken place and we have written to parents of these students to confirm their final options allocations for September 2022.

### **Farewell to Staff**

Finally, today we have said farewell to Miss Weale (Associate Subject Leader for Geography) and Mrs Yasin (Teacher of Mathematics). On behalf of all stakeholders at Norton College, I would like to thank both Miss Weale and Mrs Yasin for all their hard work at the school and for the difference that they have made to students in their respective subject areas. We wish both colleagues every success in the future.

Thank you, as ever, for your ongoing support. I hope that you have a restful and enjoyable half term holiday.

Yours faithfully



Mr T Johnson

Headteacher