



KEEPING YOU INFORMED





WIDER OPENING – WHAT DOES THE REST OF THIS TERM LOOK LIKE?

1. Phased 'face to face' return of Yr 12 w/c 15th June, followed by Yr 10 w/c 22nd June (students/parents sent further information)
2. Maintaining in school provision for children of critical workers/vulnerable students – based in the Library (LLC)
3. Continued emphasis on home learning for all students from Year 7 upwards (Years 7-9 will unfortunately not return to school before September)

Planning for September:

We are hoping that all students will be able to return to school in September, whether this is on a full-time basis or via a rota system (e.g. a week in school/a week home learning). We are just awaiting further government and Public Health guidance and will be in touch as soon as we can.

WHY ARE WE ONLY OPENING FOR YEARS 10 & 12?

From 15th June 2020, the government guidance states that secondary schools are to open wider for some 'face to face contact' for students in Years 10 & 12 only.

Years 10 and 12 are the two cohorts with examinations in the next academic year and have therefore been prioritised to ensure that they do not fall behind.

Discussions are currently taking place around whether changes will be made to the examinations for summer 2021. We will update you as soon as any decisions have been made.

Under the government guidance, we are only able to have 25% of our combined Yr 10 & 12 cohort on site per day (31 students). Students can therefore only return at this stage on a rota basis.

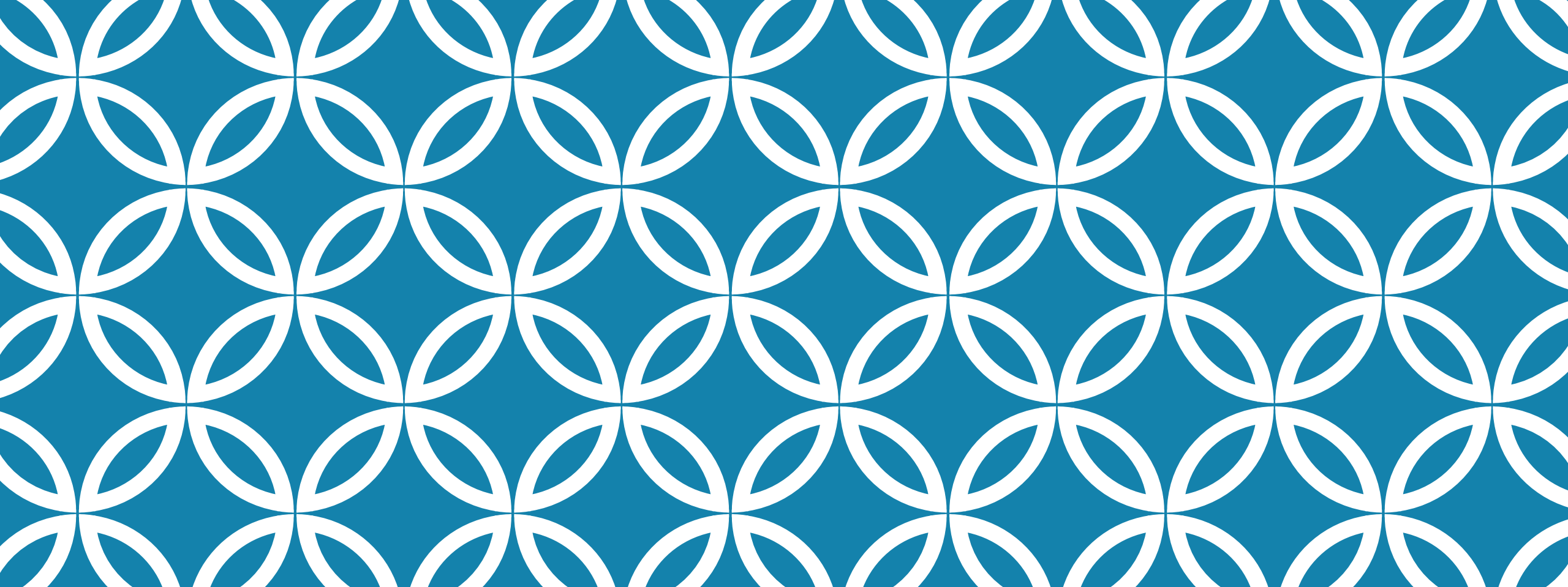
ENSURING QUALITY LEARNING FOR OUR STUDENTS

As we enter this first phase of opening for more students we are continuing to reflect upon the quality of the home learning experiences for our students.

We are grateful for all the positive feedback received to date, particularly in relation to the 'live lessons', which have helped to sustain the positive teacher-student relationships which we value so much here at QPHS.

Over the coming weeks we will be exploring how lessons which are taught in the classroom can also be experienced by learners at home – what are the barriers and how can we overcome them?

We want to be prepared for September to ensure that all our students can continue to access their learning, with support, whether they are in school or at home – we need to be ready for what might be 'a blended approach'.



KEEPING EVERYONE SAFE



COMING TO SCHOOL

- Where possible, students are advised to avoid public transport and either walk, cycle or come in the car. A face mask needs to be worn on public transport
- Students arriving by bike – please use the cycle racks at the front of school
- Students arriving by car – parents please drop off in the bus bay (accessed from the East End car park on Queens Park Road, opposite the University of Chester Business School) – this is to avoid congestion outside the school building where the pavements are very narrow
- Students will be directed to walk on the pavement past the entrance to CIS and up the steps near the QPHS reception
- All students will enter via the main reception and if needed, queue using the footstep markers outside as shown



ON ARRIVAL

- Students will be signed in at Reception by a member of staff
- A temperature check will be made on entry
- Students need to bring their own equipment to school (pens, ruler etc) – pens will be available for anyone who is not equipped
- Students will be asked if they would like a school dinner and the kitchen will be notified (students may bring in a packed lunch)
- Students will need to sanitise their hands before entry into the main school building
- No visitors/adults are permitted into reception unless by appointment



ADJUSTMENTS TO THE SCHOOL SITE

- We are asking all students to socially distance on the school site, keeping 2 metres apart at all times
- All corridors have been marked to encourage students to walk in single file around the school, keeping to the left hand side
- The staircases are now one way only as indicated on the walls
- Handwashing areas have been equipped with paper towels and pedal bins



CLASSROOMS

- All learning spaces have been altered to ensure that 2 metre social distancing can be maintained
- Classrooms will be cleaned after use
- Tissues and cleaning equipment will be available in each room
- Hand sanitiser stations are available throughout the main corridors



THE EATERY

- Break and lunchtimes will take place in The Eatery at staggered times for different groups
- Students will line up via the entrance past the main reception – markers are in place for 2m distancing
- Students can eat food in The Eatery (2 per table) or outside in the courtyard. Access is also available onto the back field
- Please pay for lunches online (through ParentMail) – we are not using the biometrics system to top up and staff will take names as opposed to thumb prints



FIRST AID & ILLNESS/ABSENCE

- Please ensure that your child is well enough to attend school and continue to adhere to the rules in place around self isolation as needed
- If a child is unwell at school, they need to make their way to the Sixth Form common room which is temporarily home to our First Aid provision, and ring for a member of staff
- We have revised protocols in place for First Aid linked to Covid-19, and staff will be equipped with the appropriate PPE when looking after your child
- If your child is unwell and should be attending school (Yr 10/12) – could you please notify us in the usual way, ensuring that you are clear about the reason for absence.



LEAVING THE SCHOOL SITE

- Students need to leave the school site promptly via the Main Reception and be signed out by a member of staff
- Students need to ensure that they adhere by the social distancing guidelines upon leaving the site and on their journey home



ANY QUESTIONS?

I hope this information has been helpful to you.

We have been working hard to ensure that our students can feel confident to return to school and we very much look forward to the school building slowly coming 'back to life'.

I would just like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff who have been working hard in the background to prepare the school site ready for wider opening – as ever, it has been one big team effort!

If you do have any questions at all about the information provided, please do not hesitate to get in touch via enquiries@qphs.co.uk