



QUEEN'S PARK HIGH SCHOOL

07 July 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

END OF SUMMER TERM

I am writing to inform you of the arrangements for the final day of term, Friday 16th July 2021. Students will be finishing the day at staggered times as follows:

- Years 8 and 12 will finish at 12.20 pm
- Years 7, 9 and 10 will finish at 12.25pm

The morning session will be as normal with the exception of our whole school (virtual) assembly and some time in tutor bases to finish.

Students will need to ensure that they leave the site promptly and safely, being mindful of social distancing within the community upon their departure.

Free School Meals

Students who are entitled to a free school meal will be able to order this via the Forms section on EduLink One, or by emailing/calling school. This can be collected from the school dining room either at break time or as they are leaving school on Friday 16th July. If your child is eligible and you wish to order a packed lunch, please indicate your response by 12pm on Wednesday 14th July.

Covid-19 Track and Trace arrangements

Whilst we are all hoping for everyone to be able to enjoy the holidays healthily and as freely as possible, we need to put some arrangements in place for the end of term should anyone show symptoms and test positive for Covid-19.

If your child shows/has symptoms prior to 1pm on Sunday 18th July, please notify us using the following form, which is available under the Contact Us button on the website and well as the links section in EduLink One:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=I3VEdeDtuE-EGMI476shsgqjLMitBxdBowoc-x75QHJUQ0xFWVVKRzIDN09XSDU5WjJLUkVEQ0tSSy4u>

Please provide us with as much information as possible in terms of potential contacts so that we can be ready to follow this up through our Track and Trace procedures. A member of the Senior Leadership Team will then be in contact with you.

Should a positive case then be confirmed, we will notify parents and students about the need to self-isolate via EduLink, so please keep a watchful eye for any messages from school during the first few days of the holiday – possibly up until Wednesday 21st July at the latest.

You **do not need to contact us** if your child develops symptoms after **Sunday 18th July** as this goes beyond the 48 hour period in terms of last contact within school and will therefore be picked up through the NHS Test and Trace process.

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New Term Arrangements – Sept 2021

The new school term begins for students in years 7 and 12 on Friday 3rd September. Normal school day timings apply. **Students in years 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13 will begin their school term on Monday 6th September.** Further information about the start of term and any updates around Covid-19 mitigations will be shared prior to the students' return.

Finally, I would just like to add a few words as I approach my final week as headteacher here at QPHS. This is certainly not the end of term that I had envisaged for us all and I am sorry that there has been some further disruption to learning over the last couple of weeks due to a small number of Covid cases. From the plans announced yesterday by the government, I sincerely hope that some sense of normality can resume within school from September, with the removal of bubbles and the need for self-isolation. It's time to rebuild our 'physical' sense of community and continue to focus upon providing the best learning opportunities for our young people, something which we are all keen to do.

On a personal note, I would like to say thank you for all the support that I have been given as headteacher at Queen's Park over the last 6½ years. I have felt incredibly honoured to be able to lead the school with the support of such a dedicated team of staff who regularly go above and beyond to support the young people in our care.

As I have said on many occasions, this is a school with a heart, where children are known and recognised as individuals and supported to be the best versions of themselves. Over the last few years, students have made me laugh (and cry) and stunned me with their talents. I will miss their creativity, drive, enthusiasm, passion and ability to make every day different! They certainly like to keep you on your toes!

I am confident that under Mr Kearns' leadership, Queen's Park will continue to go from strength to strength. Our students have so much potential for the future and I am immensely grateful that through my work as Trust Development Director, I will be able to continue to play my part in helping to *inspire individuals, empower minds and define futures* – it makes saying goodbye, just that little bit easier. For those of you that know me well enough, there will undoubtedly be tears on the last day but I will be forever grateful for having had the opportunity to help shape lives and see QPHS recognised once again to be the 'Good' school that it is today. Thank you for the part you have also played in helping us get there.

I wish you and your family the very best for the summer and for the future.

Yours faithfully,



Miss Lyndsay Watterson
Headteacher