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Dear Parents/Carers

Some Modifications for After Half Term

Firstly, can I take this opportunity to say thank you to our students at QEGS who have conducted themselves so maturely over this academic year as they have navigated the changes related to Covid health and safety. They have made us very proud in their commitment to wearing masks in lessons, demonstrated patience, and understanding with only being located in one classroom at Key Stage 3 and shown us their ability to adapt to our school day and the new adaptations it has brought with it. They are truly QEGS amazing!

As the nation progresses towards the final stages of the lockdown roadmap, we are going to make changes to some aspects of school life as of Monday 7th June 2021. They are outlined below:

Key Stage 3 Movement to Specialist Rooms

Key Stage 3 will now have the chance to access specialist rooms for specific subjects. They will still be based in their current classroom but will move for DI, Art, Science etc. The teaching staff member will meet them at their room and then escort them to and from the specialist room. We know they are going to love this change particularly Year 7 who have not really seen much of our site yet!

Changes to Lunchtimes

We are going to trial a modification to lunchtimes for specific year groups based on student voice and staff feedback. Therefore, after half term the following lunchtimes will commence:

- 11.00 Year 7 [Please enter by the drive side entrance] and lunch will be spent at the front of school and Year 8 [Please enter hall side entrance] and lunch will be spent on the courts.
- 11.30 Year 9 [Please enter by the drive side entrance] and lunch will be spent at the front of school.
- 12.00 Year 10 [They can enter through both entrances] and lunch will be spent either at the front of school or on the courts.

Year 12 will change their lunch timings on 21st June. Their new lunch timings will then be 12.00-12.25, but not before that date.

Movement Around School

As students will be moving around school more it is important that they adhere to the following. Please do have a conversation with them about this at home, and they will be reminded after half term too. Year 7 will be taken on a tour after half term to familiarise them with the site.

- Everyone must wear face-coverings unless exempt, in communal areas such as corridors and the Canteen.
- Everyone must sanitise on entry and exit from buildings, in classrooms, and at other regular intervals.
- Everyone must keep to the left when walking down corridors.

In addition, we must all be mindful that others may be anxious about these changes and try our best to how our care by acting responsibly wherever we are on the school site, and on our way to and from school.

Form Time Changes

As of 14th June 2021, Key Stage 3 classes will return to their form groups. They will meet in form groups as of 8.40am then move back to their class groups as of period 1. The intention is to have a smooth transition of forms before September start and allow students to gather back in form groups and house groups once again!

Yours sincerely

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Deputy Headteacher