

# COCKBURN SCHOOL

Specialist status in the Performing Arts



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28th May 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

## **RE: SUMMER HALF TERM UPDATE**

As we approach half term we wanted to update you with some important reminders in preparation for our final half term of the academic year.

### **Uniform, PE kit and equipment**

As a reminder, all students must wear full school uniform. Parents/carers can purchase uniform via the online shop on the school website, which you can 'click and collect' from the main office. The link to the online shop, alongside sizing guides can be found via this link:

[www.cockburnschool.org/online-school-shop](http://www.cockburnschool.org/online-school-shop)

We politely remind parents/carers that the uniform policy is non-negotiable and school uniform should not reflect changing fashion trends i.e. skinny trousers, kicker boots, jewellery, piercings, false eyelashes or acrylic/painted nails. It is essential that students attend school in full uniform, with their PE kit and equipment. The list can be found on the school website [www.cockburnschool.org/uniformkit](http://www.cockburnschool.org/uniformkit)

Students wearing incorrect uniform will be sent home to rectify the issue to return on the same day. Please contact your child's Head of Year if you have an issue regarding uniform, we will be able to support you; we have a small supply of loan uniform for any families facing financial difficulties.

### **Key dates and times:**

Monday 7th June 2021: Closed to students - Professional Development Day 4

Tuesday 8th June 2021: All students (Year 7-10) return to the school

Staggered arrival and finish times are still in place. After the half term holiday, Year 11 will no longer be in the school full time and therefore we are able to make some changes to extend the length of the school day for Year 9 until 2:40pm

	<b>Year 7</b>	<b>Year 8</b>	<b>Year 9</b>	<b>Year 10</b>
Start Time	8:15am	8:35am	8:25am	8:30am
Finish Time	2:35pm	2:45pm	2:40pm	2:50pm

### **Attendance:**

Attendance is mandatory and it is the legal duty of the parent/carers to send their child to school. We will continue to record attendance, follow up on any absences via email and home visits and will keep you regularly informed of your child's attendance, daily via the Parent app and email. We expect all students to have at least good attendance of over 97% next half term. Holidays will not be authorised during school time and, if taken, will result in the issue of legal proceedings in line with government policy.

## COVID-19:

Students who are displaying Covid symptoms (however mild) must not come into the school and should follow Government guidance on self-isolating, take a PCR Covid test and engage with test and trace. If family members in your household are displaying symptoms of Coronavirus you must follow Government guidance regarding self-isolating including test and trace. Please inform us as soon as possible and we can then offer remote education for your child.

## Mobile Phones

Mobile phones and other similar devices such as smartwatches, tablets are brought in at students' own risk and are to be switched off and are not to be seen at all in school. If any student has a mobile phone or similar device out or it is heard or seen it will be confiscated.

## Communication

We will continue to share reminders and any updates on using our SIMS Parent App, the school website, email and wherever possible through social media to alert parents and carers.

## Year 11:

We wish our students well as we celebrate their last day in the school and want to commend them on their resilience and engagement with learning throughout the assessment period. To mark the end of their time in school we were able to hold a Year 11 Leavers Assembly where we celebrated their achievements and gave out awards for a range of their accomplishments.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support. We hope that you have a safe and positive half term and look forward to seeing students back in school on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June.

Yours sincerely,



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