



# HEANOR GATE SCIENCE COLLEGE

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Dear Parent/Carer and Student

Following the letter you have recently received regarding the September plans for a full re-opening of Heanor Gate Science College, I wanted to provide clarification of how these plans will directly impact your child on a daily basis from September.

### Who will be in your child’s bubble?

Years 12 and 13 will form a combined Post 16 bubble, utilising the same study room facilities and toilets, however the year groups will have separate breaks and lunchtimes.

### Where will your child’s bubble be based?

Sixth Form lessons will be taught in the following spaces: S1, S2, L1, L3, K1-5, N2/3, N4, N5, H6 & D1-4 (D block entrance is a different door from Y9 who are also using D block classrooms on the upper floors).

The Sixth Form common room and surrounding study rooms are no longer communal spaces before lessons, during independent study times or afterschool. This is because we need to limit the number of students in a space at a given time. The Sixth Form common room will be used as a dining facility only during break and lunchtimes. Our communal study space has been reallocated to the old gym which is being redesigned to provide a much larger area for private study when students are not in a lesson.

### What time does the day start and finish?

To facilitate staggered start times for all year groups, the Sixth Form tutor programme will become virtual in the interim period with no physical tutor period or assemblies. As a result, year 13 students should arrive on site for their first lesson. If this is a period 1 then students should arrive just prior to their lesson start time of 9:10am. If a year 13 student does not have a period 1 lesson then they should arrive on site just prior to the start time of their first lesson of the day. Entry to the site will be via the Sixth Form gates, as will exiting the site. At this time we ask that year 13 students leave the school site after the completion of their timetabled lessons. To facilitate different year groups leaving the site at staggered times, period 5 lessons for year 13 have been extended until 15:15.

### What are the timings of the day for year 13 lessons?

Period 1	Period 2	Break	Period 3	Period 4	Lunch	Period 5
9:10 - 10:10	10:10 - 11:10	11:10 - 11:25	11:25 - 12:25	12:25 - 13:25	13:25 - 13:55	13:55 - 15:15

### What are the arrangements for break and lunch time?

Break and lunchtime will be based in the Sixth Form Common Room. Food and drink will be purchased via an external hatch before students enter the block. After spending break and lunch in the common room space students will then leave via the fire exit doors nearest the Sixth Form top gate.

### What will the dining arrangements be?

Attached is the new menu that applies to all catering facilities on site. We have had to reduce the choice of food on offer as we now need to distribute food from three different locations across the school site. In order to ensure that we are protecting our staff and students as much as possible, students will no longer be able to leave the site to purchase food during the school day.

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## What are the toilet arrangements?

Sixth Form students are to use the toilets located in S block only. To prevent ‘pressure points’ at break time or lunch all students are asked to use the toilets during lesson time.

## Will students be allowed off site during the course of the day?

No. Once on site for the first timetabled lesson students cannot leave the site until the end of their timetabled day. Food and drink will be available for purchase on site and we ask those not wishing to use this, to bring their own refreshments with them.

## What is meant by a virtual tutor programme and what about UCAS / apprenticeship / careers support?

Although year 13 students will not have an allocated tutor period or assembly each morning, a comprehensive tutor programme will exist focussed around Google classroom. Resources and notices will be regularly posted via Google classroom and Unifrog which will aid personal statement support. All students will be expected to engage with the virtual tutor programme during independent study periods and outside of school hours. In September all year 13 students will meet their tutor in person as part of our provision and will be given clarity in person around how their tutor provision will run.

## When/where can students go to access help and support?

Despite the virtual tutor programme, tutors are still a primary contact and can be reached via Google classroom or email. Mr Graham, Miss Spencer, Mrs Dobrzycki, Mrs Burrows and Miss Wiltshire will also be available throughout the day either in their office spaces as per last academic year, in the old gym space which is to be used as the Sixth Form study space and in the Sixth Form common room during break and lunchtimes. I’d like to reassure you that students will continue to be provided with the support and guidance previously available despite some of the measures described above.

As the academic year comes to an end I’d like to thank you for your support, particularly over the last few months. We appreciate that it has been a challenging time for many families and we are immensely grateful to all of our students who have engaged fully with their academic learning. We know that the plans going forward are not how we have run our Sixth Form provision in the past, but we have made these changes as we must keep the health and welfare of our students as our number one priority.

Have a restful and safe summer and we look forward to seeing Year 13 students return to site on Thursday 3 September at 9:05am.

Yours sincerely

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