

Principal: **Emma Robins**



Dear parent/carer

We are pleased to be able to inform you that next week, students following shared GCSE courses across George Pindar School and Graham School will be able to travel to the delivering school for their lessons. Year 9 students will travel on Tuesdays, Y10 students on Wednesdays and Y11 students on Thursdays. Since September, students who would have travelled to another school for their course have remained in their 'home' school and we have been teaching their lessons using Google Classroom, Google Meet and by other remote means. This has been in line with guidance from Hope Learning Trust and due to restrictions in place because of coronavirus. Whilst this has allowed students to access some aspects of their courses, clearly they have missed valuable contact with their teachers and, for some subjects, the opportunity to take part in practical activities. As of next week, all students will be able to engage fully in their GCSE courses at both schools.

Students will travel by bus from their 'home school' and will be escorted to their classrooms for their lessons. It will be compulsory for students to wear a face covering whilst on the bus and whilst they are walking to their lesson. Once in the classroom the teacher will tell the students whether they need to keep their mask on. This will vary depending on the subject and the number of students in the class. For practical subjects students will have to wear their face masks at all times.

Students will be expected to sit in a seating plan and to remain in their classroom for their lesson. Should it be necessary, students will be escorted to toilets. All books and materials will remain at the school delivering the subject and homework will be set using Google Classroom or on individual sheets of paper.

We would like to reassure you that we have planned carefully to ensure the safety of all students and staff. Our experience of managing our schools in this first half term means we have a developed understanding of school organisation in the current context. We have worked closely with Hope Learning Trust to produce a risk assessment, which puts appropriate controls in place at both schools, and to ensure everyone's health, safety and well-being; this is available to view on our websites.

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We are delighted to be able to get these courses up and running. We have been pleased with the response of students so far and are confident that they will now be able to make good progress through weekly contact with their teachers. Should you have any questions or queries about these courses please do not hesitate to contact us at school. For George Pindar School, please contact Mrs Prentice (c.prentice@gps.hlt.academy) and for Graham School contact Mrs Shires (k.shires@gra.hlt.academy).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Emma Robins', is enclosed within a thin black rectangular border.

Emma Robins
Principal