



2nd July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

End of Term Activities at AGSB

We have planned some enrichment activities for our students for the last two weeks of term. We consider these activities to be a vital part of our students' broader education and well being and it is very important to us that they go ahead. However, due to the increase in cases locally, and because we want to ensure that as few students are forced to isolate at the start of their holidays as possible, we have made some adjustments to our original plans. These are detailed below:

Event	Date	Is this still happening?	Update
Careers Week	W/C 5 th July	Yes	Where possible we are changing the careers presentations to become lecturette style events that are online via Teams to small groups in classrooms. (Maximum number of contacts - 4). The year group events in front of guest speakers will be in large, very well-ventilated venues. The students will be bubbled by form with seating plans consistent with their form rooms. (Maximum number of contacts - 5).
Sports Day	6 th and 7 th July	Yes	Sports Day has been rigorously planned to be a socially distanced, bubbled event in the open air. Due to the extensive space on the fields and meticulous planning, there should be no risk of contacts.
Year 12 Enrichment	12 th - 14 th July	Yes	UCAS Personal Statement Workshop. This event is planned in large well-ventilated rooms with scheduled arrival and departure times. (Maximum number of contacts - 0). Y12 Enterprise days. Half a year group per day. Large well-ventilated venue for 80 Y12 pupils with groups of up to 10. (Max contact number 9).

KS3 (Years 7-9) Activities week	12 th - 14 th July	Yes	<p>We have conducted a rigorous risk analysis of all the events and activities that make up Activities Week 2021. Each activity has undergone a review and is subject to enhanced risk mitigation and a bubble size/contact reduction plan. There is also one remote online activities day.</p> <p>Having completed some case study analysis, we have forecasted that the maximum number of contacts if we get a positive case, would be 24 pupils across the three days. This is comparable to number of contacts we typically see when contact tracing KS3 pupils over a 3 days period (between 15 and 25).</p>
Year 10 Enterprise Day	12 th July	No	<p>The plan was to split Y10 between two large facilities in the school. This would mean one of the facilities would have 120 pupils, doing group work and potentially circulating the room for 5 hours. Even with our best risk reduction measures, it was decided that this was not an appropriate activity to conduct so close to the end of term.</p> <p>As such, it has been decided that Y10 will switch to an online Activities Day on Monday, 12th in addition to their planned online activities on Tuesday, 13th July.</p> <p>Year 10 will now have 2 online Activities Days and one Enrichment Day. We are currently planning to increase the variety of online virtual activities to accommodate the additional online presence from our Y10 cohort. We are also looking to increase the number of age appropriate activities to enhance engagement for the Y10's.</p>
Year 10 Enrichment Day	14 th July	Yes	<p>Wednesday is an Enrichment Day. There are three 90-minute sessions, predominantly delivered as forms with seating plans consistent with their established seating plan. (Max contact number 8).</p> <p>There will be a Guest Speaker in for the final session. It was planned that they would deliver to a whole year group. It has been amended so that the Guest Speaker will present to two form groups and be streamed live to the other four Year 10 forms in their classrooms, all the time maintaining consistent seating plans. (Maximum number of contacts - 8).</p>

Unfortunately, as there is such a high prevalence of COVID within our school aged community, it is almost inevitable that our COVID secure school environment will be breached.

It is likely that we will experience some positive cases of COVID in the final few days or weeks of school, and, as such, it is the unfortunate reality that in applying the contact tracing guidelines, we will have to instruct some pupils to start isolating during the last few days of school.

With this in mind, we have very carefully evaluated all options available to us.

If we choose to cancel all of the end of year activities, students would be in their usual lessons. This in itself is not risk free and we generally isolate up to 25 contacts as a result of a positive case. On the balance of risk, and when considering the wellbeing benefits of our enrichment programme, we firmly believe we are making the best decision with the pupils' wellbeing at the forefront of our mind.

Yours faithfully

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