



# CANTONIAN HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to you as our spring term draws to a close and would like to take the opportunity to thank you for the support you have given your child and the school during these unprecedented times. We have all learned to adapt quickly during the pandemic and online learning has been a huge advantage to ensuring that your child has still had access to education whilst at home.

I understand how difficult this time has been for everyone and it has been wonderful to be able to bring all our pupils in over the last two weeks so that we can catch up with them and continue their learning. All staff at Cantonian High School have been working tirelessly to put the necessary preparations in place to ensure that all pupils are able to return to school, full time, after Easter.

### School Restart

All pupils will return to school as normal on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April** and will follow their usual timetable. To keep pupils safe, we will continue with the staggered starts and ends of the day and varying break and lunch times. Please see below for start and end times of the school day for your child:

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|---------|-----------------|
| Year 7  | 8.50am – 2.45pm |
| Year 8  | 8.45am – 3.05pm |
| Year 9  | 8.45am – 3.05pm |
| Year 10 | 8.40am – 2.45pm |
| Year 11 | 8.35am – 2.55pm |
| Year 12 | 8.30am – 3.00pm |
| Year 13 | 8.30am – 3.00pm |

The school canteen will be operational, and lunch time and break arrangements will continue as they were in December.

### Health and Safety

Whilst on the school site, all pupils, except for those medically exempt, will be required to wear a mask at all times, both inside and outside of the classroom. Pupils must keep 2 metres apart where possible as they move around the school and follow the one-way system at all times. When they enter and exit a building and classroom, they must hand sanitise, using sanitiser which will be made available.

When pupils are in the classroom, they will not be required to sit 2 metres apart, however, they will sit forward facing and wear a mask at all times. Masks have already been provided to all pupils; therefore, it is essential that they bring these to school with them. Failure to do this, will result in your child being sent home.

It is also essential that all pupils always adhere to the current health and safety guidance. This includes:

- cleaning hands thoroughly more often than usual with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or using a hand sanitiser if soap and water are unavailable; and
- ensuring good respiratory hygiene by using the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.

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We do appreciate that you and your child may be feeling anxious about the return to school. We have worked closely with the Local Authority to ensure we follow the Welsh Government's operational guidance for the re-start of schools. We have planned meticulously for your child's return to ensure we have made every effort to mitigate potential risks as much as possible.

Whilst attendance at school is compulsory for all pupils, any child that is displaying symptoms of Covid-19 must isolate at home and book a test in line with Public Health Wales guidelines.

Pupils in Key Stages 4 and 5 are eligible to receive a lateral flow testing kit; please contact the school if you wish your child to collect a pack.

### **Class Charts**

When school resumes after Easter, the school will continue with its use of our behaviour system, Class Charts. This allows us to monitor how your child has behaved in every lesson as well as in and around the school. It then provides us with an up-to-date behaviour picture, daily. Our interventions can be determined based on performance on a daily, weekly and termly basis, including offering rewards for pupils who achieve the highest merit points. Parents/Carers can access their own accounts and to keep up-to-date with their child's behaviour in school. If you wish to access your account or have any questions about Class Charts, please email Miss Johnson, Assistant Headteacher, at [mjo@cantonian.cardiff.sch.uk](mailto:mjo@cantonian.cardiff.sch.uk) and she will send you the invite to log in. There is also a Class Charts App that you can download, allowing you to get live notifications as and when staff have recorded a behaviour or event on the system.

### **Uniform**

May I also draw your attention to our uniform requirements which, as you know, we adhere to most strictly. Details of this are on our school website [cantonian.org/uniform/](http://cantonian.org/uniform/) and our uniform is available from YC Sports. If you need to purchase school uniform items, these are available through online shops or supermarkets as these are considered essential items

### **Key Dates for the Calendar**

|   |                               |
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| Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April:                            | Year 10 Parents' Evening      |
| Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May:                                 | Bank Holiday                  |
| Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May:                                | Completion of CDG Assessments |
| Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> May to Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> June: | Half Term                     |
| Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> July:                               | Last day of term for pupils   |
| Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July:    | INSET days                    |

### **GCSE Qualifications 2021 Update**

Pupils in Years 10 and 11 will be undertaking assessments in their subjects until 21<sup>st</sup> May 2021 in order to achieve a Centre Determined Grade this year, in place of an examination. In order for your child to be provided with an accurate Centre Determined Grade, they must attend school and undertake the assessments provided. Information for parents and pupils on how the school intends to undertake the assessments and award Centre Determined Grades can be found on the school's website [cantonian.org/qualifications-2021/](http://cantonian.org/qualifications-2021/)

Finally, on behalf of all the staff and Governors, I would like to wish you and your family a restful and safe Easter break.

Yours sincerely



**MR G JONES**  
Head of School