

# WESTCLIFF HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have continued to be safe and well, despite some crowded local tourist attractions.

Following on from the announcement by the Prime Minister last Sunday, you will know that we have had to cancel the arrangements made for the period June 1<sup>st</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>; we were disappointed at the lack of notice given.

Despite this change, we have confirmed that Year 12 examinations will take place at home as planned in the period June 15<sup>th</sup> – June 26<sup>th</sup>.

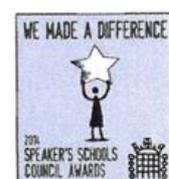
On (Bank Holiday) Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May the DfE issued updated secondary guidance. Key extracts from this are:

Schools are able to have a quarter of the Year 10 and Year 12 cohort (for schools with sixth forms) in school at any one time.

*We are seeking clarification that this would allow half of a year group in when the other year group is out of school.*

Schools are asked to:

- provide some face-to-face support to supplement the remote education of Year 10 and Year 12 pupils, with a clear expectation that remote education will continue to be the predominant form of education delivery for these year groups and that this should be of high quality
- continue to use best endeavours to support all other pupils remaining at home, making use of the available remote education support and ensuring a high quality offer
- ensure that no pupils are on the school grounds unless for agreed contact time or attendance as above.
- keep mixing between different groups of pupils to a minimum. We recognise that the range of subjects taught in secondary schools means that some mixing may be unavoidable to provide pupils with face-to-face support from subject teachers. We would expect that these groups are still smaller than normal. We would also expect schools to minimise mixing for arrival, lunchtime, breaks and departure. While in general groups should be kept apart, brief, transitory contact, such as passing in a corridor, is low risk
- not have whole year groups in school at the same time, some schools may plan to use rotas. Where rotas are used, secondary schools should avoid split day rotas within the same day and ensure that only a quarter of children are ever in the school on any one day (e.g. morning and afternoon rotas should not be applied)
- ensure that the use of public transport to travel to and from school is minimised as far as possible. Where it is totally necessary, this should not be during peak times. Schools should introduce staggered start and end times as appropriate to help achieve this.



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You will appreciate these guidelines create a number of challenges, but our aim is to have groups of Year 10 pupils in school for 2 weeks from June 15<sup>th</sup>, and Year 12 in school from June 29<sup>th</sup>.

We do not anticipate any pupil in Years 7, 8 and 9 now being able to attend school this term.

#### Year 12 Examinations Timetable

Year 12 will take their exams at home, remotely.

The examination timetable is:

	<b>Period 1 (8:50 start)</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>Period 4/5 (1:25 pm start)</b>
<b>Mon 15 Jun</b>	Biology Paper 1 (61) 60 min		Business Studies Paper 1 (22) 90 min
	D&T Graphics Paper 1 (8) 60 min		Drama (7) 70 min
			French: Reading, Listening and Translation (9) 90 min
<b>Tue 16 Jun</b>	Chemistry Paper 1 (71) 60min		Psychology Paper 1 (60) 90 min
	RS Paper 1 (21) 90 min		Physics Paper 1 (32) 60 min
<b>Wed 17 Jun</b>	History Paper 1 (42) 90 min		Spanish: Reading, Listening and Translation (7) 90 min
			English Lang&Lit (13) 70 min
			Economics Paper 1 (13) 60 min
<b>Thurs 18 Jun</b>	Maths Paper 1 Pure Maths (72) 90min		Politics Paper 1 (26) 90min
	Further Maths Paper 1 Pure Maths (20) 75 min		
<b>Fri 19 Jun</b>	Psychology Paper 2 (60) 90 min		Music Tech (7) 75 min
	Computing Paper 1(15) 90 min		Law Paper 1 (19) 60 min
	<b>Period 1 8:50 start</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>Period 4/5 (1:25 pm start)</b>
<b>Mon 22 Jun</b>	Biology Paper 2 (61) 60 min		Business Studies Paper 2 (22) 90 min
	D&T Graphics Paper 2 (8) 60 min		French Writing (9) 90 min
<b>Tue 23 Jun</b>	Chemistry Paper 2 (71) 60 min		Geography Paper 1 (20) 60 min
	RS Paper 2 (21) 90min		Further Maths Paper 2 Pure Maths (20) 75 min
<b>Wed 24 Jun</b>	History Paper 2 (42) 45 min		Physics Paper 2 (32) 60 min
	<b>10:10 START</b> Economics Paper 2 (13) 60 min		English Lit (31) 75 min
<b>Thurs 25 Jun</b>	Maths Paper 2 Applied Maths(72) 75 min		Music (10) 90 min
	Further Maths Paper 3 Applied Maths(20) 75min		Law Paper 2 (19) 60 min
<b>Fri 26 Jun</b>	Politics Paper 2 (26) 90min		Spanish Writing (7) 90 min
	Computing Paper 2 (15) 90 min		Geography Paper 2 (20) 60 min

Students should begin each exam as close to the published start time as possible.

#### Maintaining Contact

Staff will be telephoning home next week to make contact with our pupils. Please be ready to take this call.

### Year 9 Options Update

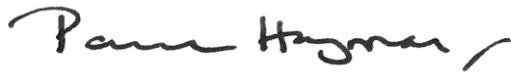
We know that pupils in Year 8 would like to know the outcome of their option choices. You will know that everything is taking a bit longer than we would like, but we will issue the outcomes in the week commencing 29<sup>th</sup> June.

### Pupils needing to be in school

School continues to be open to provide a learning space for the children of Key Workers where there is no one at home able to supervise them, or those who are vulnerable. If your child needs to use this facility, please email [generalenquiries@whsg.info](mailto:generalenquiries@whsg.info) to register for this.

Keep well.

With very best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Hayman" with a long, sweeping flourish at the end.

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**Headteacher**