



10 September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

### **Introduction**

May I start by giving a heart-felt thanks to you all for your patience and support in what has been an unforeseen and challenging start to the term. Your understanding and collaboration as the team have navigated around the disruption caused by the damage to one of the main water tanks has enabled us to prioritise getting the school site safe and ready for the return of our fabulous students. We have missed them all greatly!

Despite the disruption the team have worked tirelessly to ensure that all consenting students have been tested and our new year 7 and sixth form students have had a really successful and engaging first week back. We are delighted to share that record numbers of our year 11 students have returned to continue their studies with us in sixth form, they are focused, motivated and ready for the next exciting chapter in their young adult lives.

We will keep you up to date as we continue to make progress to ensure that all affected areas of the school are fully operational as quickly as possible.

### **Update on the M-Block**

Work is well underway on the classrooms affected by water damage.

We have been working with engineers, insurers and our contractors.

Some lessons in maths and modern foreign languages will be re-roomed in alternative locations of the school. This will be reflected on students' timetables and will be explained to them in an extended tutorial on Monday morning when they return.

Porta-cabins will be available on Monday to temporarily replace the toilets on the ground floor of M-Block near the canteen as these will not be in use. This will be explained to all students in the extended tutorial session.

We will continue to provide regular updates as work continues to repair any longer term damage caused and work towards all areas of the school getting back to full working order. I would like to take this time to thank the site team and all of our staff for the way they have all pulled together to minimise any impact on the learning of our students, these really have been exceptional circumstances and I have nothing but admiration for how the staff at Weavers Academy have responded.



## **Arrangements for Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

All students should attend school on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021. School starts at 8.45am.

Students may enter the school site from either Gate 4 or Gate 5.

When students arrive at school they should go to the following areas where they will be met by their form tutors:

- Year 7 to their form rooms
- Year 8 to the main school field
- Year 9 to Court 1
- Year 10 to Court 2
- Year 11 to the Plaza
- Years 12 and 13 to their form rooms

Students will have an extended tutorial on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021 which will explain to them anything they need to know about the site that affects their day-to-day routines and ensures their safety on site as some areas remain out of bounds. Importantly, this will also provide teachers with the opportunity to share the many exciting opportunities that we have already planned for them for this year as we get back to important things that we have so sadly missed due to the restrictions placed on us by Covid-19.

### **Canteen service**

Due to the damage caused by the escape of water, our kitchen will be unable to provide hot food during the week beginning Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

Students will still be able to purchase sandwiches, baguettes, wraps and a selection of fruit, biscuits and cakes at lunchtime. They will also be able to buy drinks from the canteen.

At morning break students will be able to purchase cereal bars and drinks. Given the limited range, students may wish to bring a snack for morning break or a packed lunch from home.

We are working to resume the normal service and will keep you updated.

### **Testing arrangements**

We have revised the testing arrangements for those students for whom we have consent and who still require their second test. These testing arrangements will be communicated to students on Monday morning when they arrive at school.



May I take this opportunity of thanking you again for your support. I know that this event will have caused you inconvenience and will have caused disappointment to students. Please be reassured of my full support at all times as we continue to work in partnership.

As staff we are all really looking forward to seeing **all** the students back in school on Monday!

Have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely

Vivien Swaida  
**Principal**