



MALVERN COLLEGE

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SENT via ISAMS

Dear Parents and Guardians

I write with a brief update containing useful information about the Summer Term. The return to face-to-face lessons has gone well: we have now tested all pupils and staff with no positive test results amongst the thousands we have undertaken. Staff and pupils will now be testing themselves at home or in their Houses.

Term Dates:

End of Spring Term remains as previously stated:

Term formally ends at 11.00am on Friday 26 March with activities finishing at 6.30pm on Thursday 25 March, and House events taking place that evening.

Easter Holidays: please would parent/guardians of all boarding pupils complete this Whereabouts Form:

<https://www.cognitoforms.com/MalvernCollege/WhereaboutsForm>

Houses will have access to this information and you will be emailed a copy of your response with a link to amend it should that become necessary.

Details of transport with GTMatrix, our travel partners, can be found on the Parent Hub of the school website; please click on 'Coach Timetable'. We strongly recommend use of their COVID-safe, and chaperoned services for transfers to and from London, Heathrow Airport and Birmingham Airport. They are able to assist with any problems arising from UK Visas & Immigration or from COVID and travel from red list countries. If you wish to book a place on a scheduled GTMatrix coach or arrange a taxi, please complete this form:

<https://www.cognitoforms.com/MalvernCollege/CollegeTransportBookingForm>

The College will remain open over the holiday to help minimise travel for those pupils for whom this will be useful. If you would like to remain on campus over the Easter break, there are places still available; please email: events@malverncollege.org.uk

Start of Summer Term:

Term starts on Monday 19 April with boarders returning that evening and academic lessons commencing at 8.45 am on Tuesday 20 April.

Pupils who need to quarantine in school should be back on or before 12 April to be in face-to-face lessons on the first day of term. The alternative is for them to quarantine with family or guardians, unless they are travelling from red list countries.

Summer Leave-out (7 – 9 May): the College will remain open over Leave-out.

Commemoration: this important College occasion usually takes place on the Saturday at the start of the Summer Half Term, with all pupils and parents involved in a celebration of College life

on and around the school grounds. Due to Covid restrictions, it will not be possible to entertain parents on this occasion and Commem will be held for pupils and staff on Friday 28 May, with parents able to watch the Speeches and Prize-Giving online.

Pupils will be free to leave the College from 6.30pm on Friday 28 May, after the usual Sports Day and Barbeque that take place that afternoon, or the following morning. Details regarding the Summer Concert will be confirmed nearer the time.

Summer Half Term (29 May – 6 June): the College will remain open over Half Term. Please email events@malverncollege.org.uk by Monday 1 May if you would like to reserve a place. Charges will be in line with those for previous Half Term holidays and Leave-outs.

End of Summer Term and Leavers' Ceremony:

The Summer Term ends on the morning of Friday 2 July as stated in the Calendar, with the final activities or house events taking place on the Thursday evening.

The Leavers' Ceremony on the evening of Friday 2 July is expected to follow its usual pattern, with all Upper Sixth arriving for photographs on the Terrace, followed by the Leavers' Service, Dinner in Houses, and the Ball.

The event will be repeated on the following evening for last year's 2020 Leavers.

Information for Exam Year Groups:

Final weeks of Spring Term:

All Public Exam year groups will continue to complete courses and internally assessed work within normal lessons and Hall time. More details will be sent separately to each cohort directly by the Academic Team once Exam Boards have confirmed final details.

Easter Holidays and the Summer Term:

A level and (I)GCSE pupils

By the end of this term, teachers will have given pupils a clear outline of where they are demonstrating the required levels of knowledge, understanding and skills, and where their focus needs to be directed for next term. Over the Easter holidays, pupils will be provided with a range of questions so that they can target a number of syllabus areas for further assessment opportunities in the Summer Term.

In the Summer Term, pupils will enter a six week period of structured preparation and internal assessment to produce evidence to support the Teacher Assessed Grades (TAGs) that will be submitted by the middle of June.

In weeks 7 and 8, for those pupils who have completed all the required courses and assessments, a two week programme of bridging courses will provide pupils with intellectual stretch and skills that prepare them for their next stage of educational study.

Weeks 9 and 10 will be optional (from week commencing 21 June). Whilst a programme of activities will continue at the College, for the vast majority of pupils in a normal year, all public exams would have finished by this point and pupils would usually expect to use this time productively engaged in work experience or joining expeditions.

IB pupils

IB pupils will have finished all courses and assessments (except Visual Arts) by the end of the Spring term and teaching staff will begin to compile and submit predicted grades.

In the Summer Term, all IB pupils, including those studying Visual Arts once their portfolios have been submitted, will join structured time-tabled courses designed to provide intellectual stretch and preparation for their future areas of study, as well as developing a range of wider skills through a range of seminars, group projects and trips, allowing them to make the most of the wider education that Malvern can offer.

After Half Term, an optional programme of activities will continue at the College, though it is recognised that for the vast majority of pupils in a normal year, IB exams would have finished by this point and pupils would normally expect to use this time productively engaged in work experience or joining expeditions.

Other information:

UK Census 2021

For those UK based families who will be filling in the Census forms, children and students should be counted at both their term-time address and their home address.

We have thoroughly enjoyed having pupils back on site for the last few weeks of term and look forward to the Summer Term being one full of opportunity and an even greater sense of normality.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Keith Metcalfe', with a horizontal line underneath.

Keith Metcalfe
Headmaster