

# DAME ALLAN'S SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents(s)/ Guardian(s)/ Carer(s)

## The wider opening of the Schools this term

Following the very successful partial reopening of the junior school this half term, I am delighted to confirm that we are now able to open the Schools more widely for the final days of this term in line with current government guidelines. These are, of course, subject to change but it is worth noting the current situation as that has informed our decision making, not least as the Schools' insurers require us to follow the government's guidance if our policies are to remain valid. The key points of the guidance are as follows:

- Schools should continue to provide for the children of Key Workers as they have been throughout the period of partial closure
- Schools should ensure that social distancing is in place and that a 2 metre distance between pupils and staff should be observed as far as is practically possible taking account of pupils' ages and social development
- Junior schools have been encouraged to make provision for children in those year groups which have not already spent time in school this term
- In senior schools, only pupils in Years 10 and 12 may return to school this term and the total number of pupils in school at any one time should not exceed 25% of the combined Year 10 and 12 cohort.

Given those stipulations - and the fact that pupils in the senior Schools are completing internal examinations until Friday 19 June - we have arranged a programme of activities for pupils in Years 2 - 5, Year 10 and Year 12 for the week beginning 22 June until the end of term, details of which follow. **As ever, pupils should certainly not come into school if they, or any members of their household, are showing symptoms of the virus. Please could I remind all parents that the Schools should immediately be notified if any member of a household is showing symptoms of the virus via [absence@dameallans.co.uk](mailto:absence@dameallans.co.uk)**

I am acutely conscious that we are unable to offer these opportunities to pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9; unfortunately our hands are tied by the government's regulations. We are exploring the possibility of some face to face meetings with individual pupils and, of course, our distance learning programme will continue as it has to date.

Given the weight of detailed instructions in this communication, I shall limit any wider comment here to thanking all of you for your continued support and understanding through the course of the current crisis. I shall write again in wider terms before the end of term.

In order to meet the rule regarding the total number of Year 10 and 12 pupils allowed in school at any one time, this year group has been divided into two groups - A and B.

Group A includes all pupils with surnames beginning **A - K inclusive**

Group B includes all pupils with surnames beginning **L - Z inclusive**

Each group will attend two morning sessions:

Group A - Tuesday 23 and Monday 29 June

Group B - Wednesday 24 and Tuesday 30 June

Students should not share lifts in accordance with social distancing guidelines and should not wear uniform. They should report to the Newsom Hall, entering by the main school reception only, by 08:50.

Formal sessions begin at 09:00 with a tutorial period and registration. Subsequent sessions will be divided into four blocks, mirroring the A Level option groups. Students will then spend 50 minutes with a teacher of their A Level subjects during which there will be an opportunity to review examination results and academic progress generally. Given that most of our students take only three A Level subjects, the fourth block will be set aside as an update on UCAS processes and applications. Sessions will end at 12:35 at which point students should vacate the site.

These will be intense sessions, with no time for a break between subject meetings, but the requirement to observe social distancing makes it impossible to factor any 'free time' into the programme. The difficulties around social distancing also mean that lunch cannot be provided; students may bring a water bottle and a nut free snack, provided they do not share these with anyone else. All students must also bring a fully charged Chromebook with them; no other stationery or paper should be brought into school.

A full set of guidance is attached to this letter.

Please could I ask you to complete [this Google Form](#) to indicate whether you wish to take advantage of this partial re-opening.

Yours faithfully



**J R Hind**  
**Principal**