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Update: Wider Opening of PGS

As we prepare to welcome more students back into school from 22 June, we have taken significant steps to ensure we can keep all members of our learning community safe. The details of the measures we have implemented are contained within our risk assessment, which was approved by the Full Governing Body at a meeting held on Thursday 11 June.

A copy of our risk assessment can be downloaded from our website via the following link: [COVID19 WIDER OPENING RISK ASSESSMENT FINAL](#)

Should you have questions regarding this, or any other element of our wider opening strategy (detailed within last week's Parent Bulletin), please contact us via email to enquiries@penistone-gs.uk.

Students in years 10 and 12 identified as being required to attend at school will be notified on or before 12 June, either by letter or telephone call.

Our onsite provision for the children of Key Workers and for those students considered vulnerable will continue to operate as normal. We would ask that parents requiring access to this aspect of our onsite provision continue to complete the booking form.

Information for Year 9: Learning up until the Summer

Since the May half term break our students have continued their excellent completion rates of Frog assignments for all subjects. As we move further into the final term, to support the learning of our Y9 students and to help them as they prepare for the move to their GCSE courses, we have made the

decision for students to focus on completing core work, and work for the subjects that they have chosen and been allocated for their Options subjects only.

From Monday 15 June (Week 13), all Y9 students will complete learning for English, Maths, Science and Religious and Citizenship Studies (RCS) alongside their Options subjects. For example; if your child has chosen History instead of Geography, they do not have to complete any Geography work assigned to them but must complete all History tasks to a high standard.

To supplement this, we will be formulating bridging tasks for those GCSE subjects not studied at Key Stage 3 (specifically Economics, Business, Health & Social Care, Sociology and Construction). This means that if a student has chosen Business, there will be information, activities and tasks for GCSE Business available on FROG to be completed in preparation for September.

Our aim is that this updated system of learning for Year 9 will increase the quality and completion of work and provide students with the opportunity to get a taste of the new subjects they have chosen to study.

Information for Year 12: Work Experience

After much investigation and following detailed discussions, it is with regret that the Post-16 Team have had to make the difficult decision to cancel work experience for all Y12 students. Work experience was scheduled to take place from 6 July. You and your son or daughter should have received an email with more details regarding the implications of cancelling this. As with all decisions made during the pandemic, our priority is the health, safety and wellbeing of our students. Should you have any questions regarding this, please contact Mrs D Rostern via the Post-16 email address: post16@penistone-gs.uk.

Information for Year 13: Prom Update

Due to current social distancing restrictions and further to government guidance, Tankersley Manor have confirmed that they will unfortunately not be able to accommodate our planned Y13 prom, scheduled to take place on Friday 3 July. As a result we have had to cancel this year's event. We will endeavour to reschedule the prom for some point in the future, potentially over the Christmas holidays; however, this will be



dependent upon Tankersley Manor's availability and the government guidance at that time. We have written to all Year 13 students to inform them of this disappointing news.

Information for Year 11: Collection of hoodies, photos and return of locker keys

We are looking forward to welcoming our Year 11 students back into school between 15 and 19 June as they return to collect leavers' hoodies, photographs and items from lockers. We thought it might be helpful to remind you of the timings for each mentor group:

Date	10:00 to 12:00	12:00 to 14:00
Mon 15 June	11/BST	11/CBE
Tue 16 June	11/DCU	11/EBE/CHE
Wed 17 June	11/JCL	11/LWE
Thu 18 June	11/RKE	11/RST
Fri 19 June	11/SAL	11/SPK

To ensure we can comply with social distancing guidelines, students should only attend during the window given for their mentor group as detailed above. When students collect their items, we also ask that they return their locker key. There will be a £5.00 replacement charge for any lost locker keys, which will need to be paid before items can be released to the student.

We would also welcome any donations of good quality, second-hand uniform and thank you in advance for any support you can provide for this.

Update: Year 9 Paris Trip

After weeks of battling with the tour operator, and with the support of the Local Authority, we finally have some good news for the parents of students in Y9 who were due to travel to Paris in May.

The tour operator has finally conceded, and we have now received a refund credit note which we are in the process of exchanging for a full cash refund. Although the company have confirmed they will process our refund as quickly as possible, due to the volume of claims they are currently dealing with, this may not be completed until 31 July.

We will provide further confirmation once we have received this payment and would like to thank those parents affected for their patience and understanding as we worked to secure a positive result.

Purchasing School Uniform

As we slowly approach the summer holidays, we expect that you may have started thinking about replacing or refreshing your child's uniform. Given the ongoing restrictions caused by coronavirus, it will not be possible to sell uniform direct from school this year. Instead, we are asking that all uniform is purchased direct from suppliers; details of which we have provided for you.

Uniform

Blazers and ties can be purchased from Vortex, who are our new uniform supplier after taking over Wishing Well. The Vortex uniform shop is expected to open to the public from Monday 29 June, with online ordering available from 22 June. Unfortunately delays to delivery as a result of the coronavirus pandemic mean that it is unlikely that uniform stock will be available before the end of July.

The cost of blazers is £27.50 (sizes 26" to 30") and £35.00 (for sizes 38" to 46"), with a school tie available to purchase at a cost of £7.50.

The Vortex website can be accessed via the following link: www.vortexschoolwear.co.uk.

PE Kit

Our Adidas PE kit is available to purchase online from Lissport. To guarantee delivery for September there is an order deadline of 17 July.

The cost of our Adidas PE kit is £15.50 for the top, £10.00 for the shorts, and £5.50 for the socks.

The Lissport website can be accessed via the following link: www.lissport.co.uk.

Useful links

We have included below quick links that have been shared over recent weeks that you may find helpful:

Coronavirus Risk Assessment
[COVID19 Wider Opening Risk Assessment Final](#)

Key Worker and Vulnerable Booking Form:
[Booking Form](#)

Requesting support with Frog when you cannot log in to the system:
[Frog Support Request](#)

Supporting the mental health and wellbeing of our students during the school closure period:
[Mental Health Frog Page](#)

Instructions on how to download the My FROG App:
[My FROG App download instructions.](#)

Student Assignments from 20 April:
Walk-through Video
[Student Assignments from 20 April](#)

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