

Dear parents and carers,

It has been great to see students staying back after school this week to access some of the support sessions on offer. I hope that your child is making the most of these sessions and that we see the numbers in attendance grow over the coming weeks. Every helping hand, no matter how small, will contribute to their overall success this year. They need only grasp it.

Mr Willmer, Progress Leader for Year 11, will be writing to you in the coming days to give you some insight into what your child is learning in each subject and how you can best support them. This may be useful to focus their independent study at home, but also to help open up conversations about what they are learning.



The HPL focus for next week will be **Creating**. In particular, **Intellectual Playfulness** - *'The ability to recognise rules and bend them to create valid but new forms.'*

You may notice staff using a rubric that matches the HPL focus for that week, in their homework assignments moving forward.

COVID Update

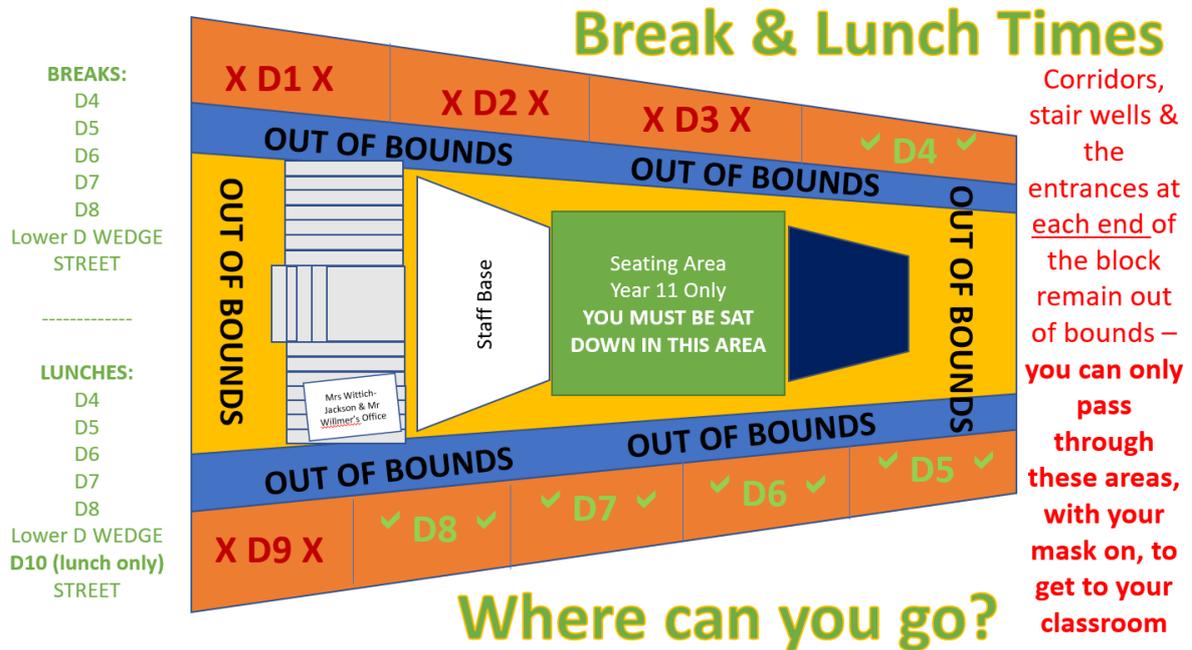
We have worked with Mr Wakefield to open up more classrooms to the year group at breaks and lunch times. The additional rooms will be active from Monday. Mr Willmer will inform the students via the weekly assembly of where they can and cannot go – please can you ensure your child watches this at home so that key messages can be communicated to them. I have copied the main assembly slide concerning the revised spaces for breaks and lunch times. We have reduced the usage of our area by other year groups in order to guarantee they have at least five classrooms at break and lunch times. We can also now open up the wedge area as a place to sit. Corridors, stair wells and the entrances at each end of the block remain out of bounds for sitting or congregating at breaks and lunches. The end nearest D1 and D9 will still have traffic from other year groups at staggered times of the day. They must therefore pass through this area as quickly as possible, with their mask on at all times, and not use this area as a place to socialise. They must be in one of the green classrooms on the map, the wedge area that is depicted in green or outside in the street area when eating their lunch or stopping to socialise. Please share this with your child so that everyone is fully informed ahead of Monday.

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Hopefully you received the communication from Mr Wakefield regarding our contingency plans for remote learning and what we will do if a partial or full lockdown is enforced. In light of those plans, we need to ensure that all of our students are able to access their remote learning platforms. I would appreciate it if you would take a few minutes to complete this brief questionnaire which will enable us to assess your child's access. I did send this out yesterday via school comms, so if you have already completed it, you do not need to do it again.

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Finally, during these really difficult times, we know that there are lots of parents and carers whose circumstances have changed dramatically. If you have found that you are suddenly, or currently, in need of financial support then please do remember that you may be eligible to apply for Free School Meals (FSM) for your child. Not only will this ensure that they receive a meal each day in school, but also means that the school receives a small extra pot of money ("pupil premium") that can be directly used to support your child with resources, equipment, trips (when they start happening again!), and so on. You can apply for this

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directly through the council website using the following link: [https://northamptonshire-self.achieveservice.com/service/Apply for free school meals](https://northamptonshire-self.achieveservice.com/service/Apply%20for%20free%20school%20meals)

Please do reach out to us so that we can support you as a family.

Yours Faithfully,

Kathryn Wittich-Jackson

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