

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023

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## **New building for Hartshill Academy**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Further to my letter of the 22<sup>nd</sup> September, I need to let you know about a change in our plans to move into the new Hartshill Academy building from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November. We have been informed by the contractor, Wates, that our occupation of the building needs to be delayed due to the presence of trace elements of legionella bacteria in isolated parts of the water system. We have been reassured that this discovery is isolated to the new building only and that the system is being cleaned and will be re-tested before the move takes place. Only when we and the Department of Education are satisfied that the building is ready for occupation will we complete the handover process and officially take possession of the new building. The earliest date on which this could now take place is Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

Unfortunately, at this time, we are unable to fully move back into the previous school building, as this has been cleared of equipment, furniture and IT facilities. We will review the need to return temporarily to the existing building in the event of any further delay to the handover beyond 17<sup>th</sup> November. We currently look forward to welcoming pupils and staff into the new building from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November.

In the interim, we plan to maintain arrangements similar to those in place before half term, as follows:

### **Years 7, 8, 9 and 10**

- Pupils in Years 7-10 will access learning remotely except for vulnerable pupils and the children of keyworkers who will attend one of our partner schools. If you were previously accessing this provision, the arrangements already in place will continue. If you need to request access to this provision for the first time, please complete the form on this link <https://forms.office.com/e/EnqLh51EcH>

On Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November staff will contact home for all pupils to ensure that they have the access details they need for their remote learning, and all pupils from Tuesday will be required to attend a HART Group Check In on Teams each morning at 9am. They will be registered and check in with their HART Coach about their learning for the day. All subject lessons will be pre-recorded and available on the Remote Learning pages on our website. <https://www.hartshill.midlandat.co.uk/>

### **Years 11**

- Pupils in Year 11 have mock exams scheduled for the next few weeks. These will go ahead on the existing site in the Sports Hall. An updated timetable for these exams is attached at the end of this letter. There will be some pre-exam sessions for all Year 11 pupils on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November with Mock Exams beginning on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November. Pupils will only be expected on site for their exams and will leave site after their exams. There are toilet facilities for pupils to use on site. There are no catering facilities so all pupils must bring their own drinks and snacks. Pupils should arrive for 8.40am. Pupils will enter the site through the usual pupil entrance and meet on the playground. Exams will be held in the Sports Hall and pupils with access arrangements for their exams will be in the upstairs rooms in G block.

All pupils in receipt of Free School meals will receive vouchers for the next two weeks.

We are currently exploring every option we can to bring as many pupils on site either at Hartshill Academy or elsewhere if logistically possible, as we absolutely recognise that pupils would benefit most from onsite delivery at this time. We will update further if arrangements can be made.

We understand that this is disappointing news as we are all looking forward to starting life in the new building that our pupils, staff, and the wider community so richly deserve. However, the safety and wellbeing of our school remains our highest priority and we will work in liaison with the Department for Education and the contractors to ensure that the new building is made ready to welcome us as soon as possible.

If you have any questions or queries, please email: [infoHHA@midlandat.co.uk](mailto:infoHHA@midlandat.co.uk)

Thank you again for your support at this time, and please accept my apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "L Taylor". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'L'.

Lorraine Taylor  
Principal

## Year 11 Lessons and Mock Exams

### Lessons

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>
9:00am-11:00am English Revision	9:00am-11:00am Science Revision
11.30am-1.30pm Maths Foundation Revision	11:30am-1.30pm Maths Higher Revision

### Mock Exams

Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>
9:00am Biology	9:00am English Literature	9:00am Maths 1
11:15am RE1 Computer Science 1 BTEC IT	11:45am Geography 1	11.00am French Reading

Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>
9:00am History 1	9:00am Chemistry	9:00am Maths 2	9:00am Physics	9:00am English Language
11:15am Geography 2	11:15am French Listening	11:00am GCSE PE 1 RE 2 Computer Science 2	11:15am Maths 3	11:15am French Writing, GCSE PE 2