



# Fulford School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Today we welcomed Professor Brian Cox to the school to speak to year 12 students and answer their questions. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brian\\_Cox\\_%28physicist%29](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brian_Cox_%28physicist%29)

He is one of a number of eminent scientists that the science department has invited to speak to students during lock down. He was able to share his wide experience in the world of science and beyond and very much inspired all who listened to him.

Mr. Harris has sent out a letter publishing a summer leadership programme for pupils in years 7-11. [Global Social Leaders \(GSL\) Summer Catalyst @Home](#). This is a great opportunity. Please give it some consideration. A separate link celebrating the achievements of year 11 will also be sent out to year 11 parents later today.

It has been lovely to meet Year 6 pupils at a series of transition meetings we hosted over zoom this week. Unfortunately, we have not been able to welcome Year 6 pupils into school to visit. Despite this we have been able to share lots of information via videos and zoom meetings. We are really looking forward to Year 6 joining our Fulford family in September.

A video of the presentation I gave to parents and carers at the Headteachers Forum is available to view on the school website.

<https://fulford.york.sch.uk/head-teachers-forum-presentation-july-2020/>

Things have moved on a pace since we held these meetings.

We continue to plan for the full return of the school in September. In line with government guidance this will see pupils being taught in year bubbles. We will do all we can in school to minimise contact between year groups. Each year group will be based in a specific part of the school campus. We have introduced staggered breaks and lunch times. We will not be introducing a staggered start to the day due to the complexity of receiving children onto the site, but each year group will have their own entrance into school. We are discussing transport needs with City of York Council. We encourage all children to walk or cycle to school if possible and not to arrive at school until 10 minutes before the start of the school day.

We will endeavour to deliver as full a curriculum offer as possible; the constraints of the site mean that they will be limited access to some specialist classrooms. We will prioritise access to these areas to groups preparing for A level and GCSE exams.

As with the return of Year 10 earlier in the year we will keep you informed as we continue to plan and publish a full risk assessment and protocols. We will also produce videos explaining where each year group is to go when they arrive at school and which entrance to use.

To fully support the return to school in September we will be having 2 INSET days on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of September. School will open for years 7, 11 and 12 on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September and for all year groups on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September.

With best wishes to you and your family.

Yours sincerely



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