

1st March 2021

Newsletter – week 22 – Part Two



Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you all had a lovely weekend and managed to enjoy the fabulous weather. I wanted to follow up the first part of last week's newsletter with some further information which will be added to and confirmed at the end of this week.

Return to School

In order for our students to return safely to school, we are going to stagger the return for all year groups and this means that by Wednesday 10th March, all students will be in school receiving face to face education. Students arrive at school as normal and then go to tutor rooms. Tutor groups will be collected one at a time and escorted to their Asymptomatic Testing Site (AST).

Monday 8th March – Year 11, 12 & 13 return to school. Post 16 students' AST will be the marquee next to the MUGA, and Year 11 will be in the hall.

Tuesday 9th March – Year 9 & 10 return to school. Year 10's AST is the marquee and Year 9 is the hall.

Wednesday 10th March – Year 7 & 8 return to school. Year 8's AST is the marquee and Year 7 is the hall.

We have a large team of professionals prepared to support the administration of the Lateral Flow Tests (LFT). Tests for each year group will follow the same cycle and take place every three school days until all students have had three LFT. After the third test and by Friday 19th March, each student will be provided with a home testing kit. Guidance on these will be given in due course.

All LFT will take place during tutor time and period 1 so that school can resume its normal teaching timetable from period 2. There will be additional learning taking place during this time which we will publish and discuss with students shortly. Unfortunately, this does mean that all period 1 lessons will not take place for the first nine days of school re-opening. Friday 19th March will be the day when all lessons will be back to 'normal'.

Year 13 exams

When Year 13 return on Monday, they will be commencing their mock examinations and on each of the three dates for Year 13 LFT, there will be a small number that will have an exam on that morning. Please can you ensure that your son/daughter makes their way straight to their AST by 8.45 at the very latest. This will allow for all exams to start and conclude in a timely manner.



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Principal: Russell Denial

School uniform

Upon our students' return next week, it will have been a minimum of 11 calendar weeks since they were in school and if your children are anything like mine – there has been some serious growing taking place! Can you please ensure that you check school uniform and school shoes to make sure it all still fits as the expectation is that full school uniform should be worn. We certainly made quite a few orders over the weekend!

I will also add to this and confirm that we will be following the DfE guidelines that *face masks/coverings must be worn when inside the school building*. This does include whilst in classrooms and in corridors.

Results days

We have now been given confirmed dates when students in Year 13 and Year 11 will receive their confirmed A level and GCSE results.

- Year 13 – Tuesday 10th August
- Year 11 – Thursday 12th August

These are amended dates from the last week of the summer holidays but the release of results is to allow for schools and exam boards to moderate and ensure that awarded grades are accurate and reflect the work each individual has undertaken.

I hope you all have a good week ahead and I will write to you all at the end of the week with any updates that are necessary.

Yours faithfully,



Mr R Denial
Principal

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