

ACS NEWSLETTER

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Headteacher's Message Transcript

Earlier this month the Government announced that students in year 10 and year 12 were able to return to school from 15 June. The reason the Government has allowed these year groups to return is because they will be sitting public examinations next summer. The Government has set a strict limit on the number of students who can attend on a single day. Only 25% of year 10 and 25% of year 12 students can attend on a single day for face to face meetings with their teachers.

We think this is a very good way of support learning, so we are encouraging all students in year 10 and year 12 to attend when they are asked to come to school. The teachers in school will help to identify the gaps and misconceptions in your child's knowledge and understanding and will help to develop a plan of catch-up work for the summer break. Coming into school will not only support your child's learning, but will support their wellbeing – they will have the opportunity to meet their friends in a safe and controlled environment.

During the week beginning Monday 15th June we will prepare the school building for the return of year 10 and year 12. Markers on the carpet will indicate 2 metre social distancing gaps, a one way system will be set out around the building, staircases will be either up or down staircases and we will make sure all the desks in the classrooms are at least 2 metres apart. During the week teachers will undergo training to help support young people to make the transition back to the classroom.

During the following week, beginning Monday 22 June, we will invite all the students in year 10 and year 12 into school for an individual one-to-one meeting with their Form Teacher. The purpose of this meeting will be to assess their wellbeing and to provide students with a personal timetable for the last three

weeks of term. We will also explain all the safety procedures we have put in place around both school buildings. In the week beginning Monday 29 June we will begin a programme of small group lessons for students with their subject teachers. These lessons will continue until the end of term on Friday 17 July.

Students will be encouraged to walk, cycle or arrive by car as the number of spaces on buses will be limited. We will also provide late start and early finish times to prevent students travelling during the rush hour. We have also amended the items students are allowed to wear to school. Students will be expected to wear school uniform, but will be allowed to wear trainers and not wear a blazer. This means their uniform can be washed every day. A detailed list of instructions will be provided with the invitation sent out to students and parents.

While all this is going on, we will continue to support our vulnerable students and the children of critical workers. A reminder that children with an Education Health Care Plan and families with social worker involvement, as well as the children of critical workers, are encouraged to return to school for full time supervision. Please contact your child's Pastoral Manager if you think you meet any of the criteria mentioned above and you would like your child to return to full time supervision in school.

This week, the Government has made another change in policy and has announced that schools are now able to invite students from other year groups into school who would benefit from more face-to-face support, particularly students who have not been engaging in remote education. This means that a small number of students in Years 7, 8 and 9 will be invited in for meetings with teachers and pastoral managers.

Finally, I would like to say thank you for all your hard work supporting your children at home. I fully understand this is a particularly challenging responsibility. Of course, we will do our very best to help your children with their work over the summer and hopefully we will be able to return to a normal education in the autumn term.

New COVID-19 testing site opens in Harlesden for local residents

London's first local COVID-19 testing site has opened in Harlesden Town Garden. Testing sites up until now have been "drive-in" requiring people to access a test by attending the site in a private car. As part of the Government's expanded approach to testing, this new centre is a pilot site, which will enable local residents to access testing by foot. It is hoped that this new testing site will help ensure that local residents who have symptoms can get tested quickly in an easily accessible location.

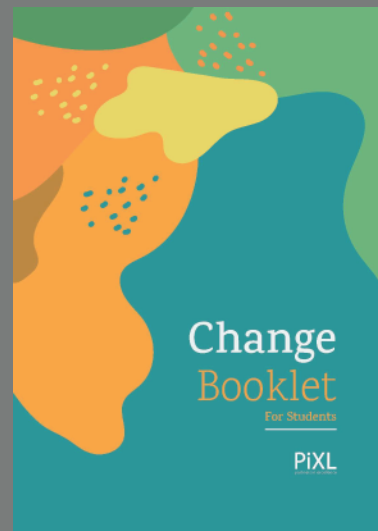
Residents can book a test if they:

- have symptoms of COVID-19
- can travel to the test site on foot or by motorcycle or bicycle and don't need to use public transport
- have a face covering
- adhere to social distancing at all times, when travelling to and from the site

Appointments are available every day from 10am-5pm and residents can book by calling 020 8937 4440, the line is open from 9am-5pm, seven days a week. More information regarding the new local testing site can be found [here](#).

Coping with change

Are you finding it difficult to cope with all the changes caused by the Coronavirus? Check out the student booklet below from PiXL with helpful information and advice on how to cope with change.



ACS Poetry competition

Do you enjoy writing poetry? Mr Osmany is organising a poetry competition for students on the theme of Home and there are prizes to be won! For more details please [click here](#).



UNESCO Arts Education Week

To celebrate UNESCO International Arts Education Week, our school participated in the InSEA Blog's Be Radical campaign. Please [click here](#) to see the brilliant artwork submitted by our students.

