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25th February 2021

Dear Parents / Carers

We are delighted that we can at last welcome all students back to school for face to face teaching. We know that this has been a difficult time for many students and their families both in educational and social terms, so the return is timely.

We have clear plans in place to help students settle back into school life and to address any gaps that they may have in their learning, but before we embark upon that we need to ensure that students' return is safe and secure. We have carefully planned so that students will be tested once at school before they can come back into classrooms and then twice more in the following fortnight. After that they will be provided with self test kits to continue testing at home.

I am sure that you can appreciate that this scale of testing will present significant challenges for us all. To address this and to maintain safety, we will be welcoming students back over a number of days. We will be getting the examination year groups in for early testing on Thursday 4th and Friday 5th March so that they can start learning on Monday 8th March, should they have a negative test.

Test day /Date	Year group	First day of on site teaching following a negative result
Thursday 4 th March	Year 11	Monday 8 th March
Thursday 4 th March	Year 12	Monday 8 th March
Friday 5 th March	Year 10	Monday 8 th March
Friday 5 th March	Year 13	Monday 8 th March
Monday 8 th March	Year 7	Monday 8 th March
Tuesday 9 th March	Year 8	Tuesday 9 th March
Wednesday 10 th March	Year 9	Wednesday 10 th March

Students who are not on site during this time, will continue to receive remote learning.

We will send out a separate letter with clear instructions about how to access the tests, pre-register and provide consent for the tests. There will also be a video on the website, explaining what students should expect when coming in for their test.

All vulnerable and key worker children will continue to attend (as they have been during lockdown) throughout the staggered return.

When the students return, all of the existing safety measures will remain in place. This means that year groups will be taught in bubbles in separate areas of the school, and will have different times for break / lunchtime. The separate entrances and exits for each year group will be enforced for safety. In addition, the government has stipulated that students must wear face masks - including in class. Please provide a face mask for your child as we do not have many spare masks. Students with an exemption should provide details of their circumstances as the definition of the categories for exemption have changed.

We will keep you informed of any further changes and work hard to maintain the strong safety measures in place so that your children are as safe as they can be.

Thank you for all of your support during lockdown and with these new procedures. By working together, we will establish a safe and caring environment which will provide a supportive framework for your child to flourish.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Alexander". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, circular initial "D" and a horizontal line underneath the name.

David Alexander
Headteacher