



Dear Students, Parents and Carers

Information for return to school week commencing 8th March

We are very much looking forward to having our whole school community back with us. Following the Covid testing plan we released last week, we will be welcoming Year 8, Year 10, Year 11 and Sixth Form students back into school on Monday 8th March. Please note these times are for students first day only. (see Fig 1)

Year Group	Return Date - (Face to face lessons)	
Year 12 & 13	Monday 8 March - Start 10.00am	GATE A
Year 11	Monday 8 March - Start 9.15am	GATE C
Year 10	Monday 8 March - Start 9.30am	GATE B
Year 8	Monday 8 March - Start 9.45am	GATE B
Year 7	Tuesday 9 March - Start 8.30am	GATE A
Year 9	Wednesday 10 March - Start 8.30am	GATE C

(Fig 1 – Return to school timings)

On arrival pupils will be directed to their entry gate where they will sanitise and put-on masks. Once through their gate pupils will line up in their Houses and will be met by their tutor. Tutors will escort pupils to their tutor room for an extended tutor time to support transition back into school. Tutors and Head's of House will re-iterate any Covid related safety procedures and expectations and will also support with any questions regarding timetable changes.

Whilst we have a comprehensive programme in place for tutor times which includes PSHE, study skills /reading and rewards / House or Head of Year socially distanced assemblies we will also be using these few weeks up to Easter to support pupil's wellbeing with individual check-in's and group activities. We will also be offering some sessions outside the tutor time for any pupils who are finding the transition back into school particularly challenging. If you have any concerns about your son or daughter's return to school, please contact their tutor and or the House team.

Year 7 – Monday 8th March

Year 7 students will attend school for their first Covid test at the allocated time slots shown in Fig 2 below. They will also continue to complete the remote learning tasks set on Monday. We look forward to Year 7 students returning to school for face-to-face lessons from 8.30am Tuesday 9th March 2021.

Monday 8th March				
7B / 7E			7S / 7T	
8.30-10.30			10.30-12.30	
7B1	8.30-9.00		7S1	10.30-11.00
7B2	9.00-9.30		7S2	11.00-11.30
7E1	9.30-10.00		7T1	11.30-12.00
7E2	10.00-10.30		7T2	12.00-12.30

(Fig 2 - Year 7 Covid Testing Schedule – Monday 8th March)



Year 9 – Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th March

Year 9 students will complete the remote learning tasks set on Monday and Tuesday. Students will also follow the Year 9 Covid testing schedule on Tuesday 9th March (Fig 3). We look forward to seeing Year 9 students return to school for face-to-face lessons from 8.30am Wednesday 10th March 2021.

Tuesday 9th March			
9B / 9E		9S / 9T	
8.30-10.30		10.30-12.30	
9B1	8.30-9.00	9S1	10.30-11.00
9B2	9.00-9.30	9S2	11.00-11.30
9E1	9.30-10.00	9T1	11.30-12.00
9E2	10.00-10.30	9T2	12.00-12.30

(Fig 3 - Year 9 Covid Testing Schedule – Tuesday 9th March)

Vulnerable Children and Critical Worker Children Group (VC/CWC Group) update

On Monday 8th March, students in Years 8, 10, 11 and 6th form will be returning to school and all students in these year groups should arrive at the times indicated in line with the rest of their year group. Our, Year 7 students will return to lessons with the rest of their year group from Tuesday onwards and Year 9 students from Wednesday onwards.

Please note the following below regarding the VC/CWC group:

- On Monday 8th March we will continue to run the VC/CWC Group for Years 7 and 9 only.
- On Tuesday 9th March the VC/CWC Group will continue to run for Year 9's only.
- The VC/CWC Groups will run from 8:45 – 14:30 on both these days.
- **From the week commencing 8th March, all students (including the VC/CWC Group) should arrive in full school uniform.**

Covid Home Testing Kits

Home testing will start during the week beginning Monday 15 March for Sixth Form and Year 11 and from 22nd March for all other years (delivery dependant due 8-15th March) once all students have been offered their 3 in school Covid tests. Full instructions will be supplied with all testing kits and we will send further details once the kits have arrived in school.

Covid Lateral Flow Tests

During the last few days Sixth Form, Years 8, 10 and 11 have taken up the offer of their first lateral flow test in school. The students behaved extremely well and have shown maturity during the tests and were a credit to the school. We would like to thank all students that are participating in the asymptomatic testing programme. This will help break transmission links by identifying those who may be carrying the virus unknowingly.

- Sixth Form 198 tests – 84%
- Year 11 192 tests - 86%
- Year 10 185 tests - 87%
- Year 8 181 tests - 81%

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	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Y12/13
Tutor/Lunch	Lunch (Gym) 13:05 - 13:35	Lunch (CCH) 13:05 - 13:35	Lunch (SR) 13:05 - 13:35	Tutor 13:05 - 13:35	Tutor 13:05 - 13:35	Lunch available in Willows
Tutor/Lunch	Tutor 13:40 - 14:10	Tutor 13:40 - 14:10	Tutor 13:40 - 14:10	Lunch (CCH) 13:40 - 14:10	Lunch (Gym) 13:40 - 14:10	
L5	14:10 - 15:10	14:10 - 15:10	14:10 - 15:10	14:10 - 15:10	14:10 - 15:10	14:10 - 15:10
L6	Gate A	Gate B	Gate C	Gate B	Gate C	15:10 - 16:10

(Fig 4 – Timetable March 2021)

Responsive Curriculum:

We need to continue with the strong systems and controls and safety protocols in place before December and maintain the zoning and bubbles in school. To ensure that we offer all of our students a full curriculum we have also put in place additional resourcing, staffing and redesigned the full timetable. When students return from Monday, all students will have access to practical rooms for their practical subjects for at least 7 or 8 of their lessons each week. Please see the curriculum model for all year groups (Fig 5).

Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10/11	Y12/13
Maths (4)	Maths (4)	Maths (4)	Maths (4)	AS/A-Level choices (4 lessons each subject)
English (4)	English (4)	English (4)	English (4)	PE
Science (3)	Science (3)	Science (4)	Science (6)	Study sessions
PE (2)	PE (2)	PE (2)	PE (2)	
MFL (3)	MFL (2)	RE/PSHE (1)	RE (1)	
Humanities (3)	History (2)	MFL (2)	Option A (2)	
PSHE (1)	Geography (2)	History (2)	Option B (2)	
Art (1)	RE (1)	Geography (2)	Option C (2)	
Drama (1)	Art (1)	Creative Arts choices* (2)	Option D (2)	
Music (1)	Drama (1)	DT/STEM choices* (2)		
DT (1)	Music (1)			
Library (1)	DT (1)			
	PSHE/Computing (1)			

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Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10/11	Y12/13
Tutor programme that includes reciprocal reading, wellbeing and PSHE, House and Learning programme.	Tutor programme that includes reciprocal reading, wellbeing and PSHE, House and Learning programme.	Tutor programme that includes reciprocal reading, wellbeing and PSHE, House and Learning programme.	Tutor programme that includes wellbeing, careers and PSHE, House and Learning programme.	Pastoral and careers
Extra-curricular activities	Extra-curricular activities	Extra-curricular activities	Extra-curricular activities	Extra-curricular activities

(Fig 5 – OSA Curriculum Model)

*Y9 Creative Arts and DT/STEM choices will also be ‘restarted’ so that students have an opportunity to experience their first and second choice in each discipline in practical rooms. Dance will be made available to students who expressed an interest in this, in one of their PE lessons after the Easter holiday.

We are taking a responsive approach to the recovery curriculum for all students. Our Faculty teams and senior leaders have already started to review their curriculum planning and mapping for each of their subjects to take into account any impact from this last lockdown. We have also reviewed our reporting and parents evening approaches and further information will be provided to parents over the course of this term.

As always, I thank you for your continued support. Please do contact the school and your child’s tutor or House team if you have any questions or require any help.

Best of wishes
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