



4<sup>th</sup> March 2021

**Reopening of School for Year 11 – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

Dear parents and carers,

We are looking forward to welcoming Year 11 students back into school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Please find below a reminder of when each tutor group should come in. Students in Navy, Royal and Turquoise, should arrive promptly at 9.30 am and go straight to the sports hall where students will be tested for Covid.

<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March – Testing Schedule Year 11 and Sanctuary/Orion groups (Sports Hall)</b>			
<b>09.30am</b>	11 Navy	11 Royal	11 Turquoise
<i>Followed by welcome briefing in Main Hall at 10.30am</i>			
<b>10.30am</b>	11 Purple	11 Grey	
<i>Welcome briefing in Main Hall at 11.30am</i>			
<b>12.00pm</b>	Y7-11 Sanctuary	Yr7 & 8 Orion	

Thank you to all those parents who have so far given consent for the testing, almost 70% of the school so far. There is still time for you to do this, please complete the questions in this link and submit by 3pm on Friday. The privacy notice can be found on the school website.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=70bgJyRMHkq7OpF-8w3afjMloiDccOBLtHeBZZzaNABUMzM3WfVXTfHovFZOM0k5UEcyOE1OUUY0Uy4u>

**Students of critical workers and those who have been attending school during lockdown will continue to attend as usual on the 8<sup>th</sup> March but normal lessons will resume.**

The DfE guidance states that school attendance will be 'mandatory for all pupils from March 8<sup>th</sup>.' The usual rules will apply, including parents' legal duty to secure their child's attendance at school.

Once students have had their first lateral flow test for Covid and once the results are known (within 20 – 30 minutes of taking the test); they will attend a welcome assembly and briefing from myself before attending lessons on their usual timetable once again. Two further tests will take place for each year group over the 2-week period from 8<sup>th</sup> until the 18<sup>th</sup> March. Testing kits will then be issued for these to be undertaken twice a week at home, up until the Easter break and further instructions and guidance will be issued on this.

**AWARDING OF GRADES**

As you will be aware, we now know that students will be awarded teacher assessed grades for the summer examinations. Grades will be awarded and determined by teachers, based on what they have covered, taking into account the disruption to learning over the last 12 months due to the pandemic. What this means is that every piece of work completed between now and when the grades are submitted by teachers, will count. For all those students who have completed work at home, this will be used as part of the judgement. For all those students who haven't completed work at home, it is more important than ever, that you attend every day, completing all work set, taking part in additional support during lesson 6



and doing everything you can to demonstrate what you know, understand and can do, based on the content that has been covered.

## **UNIFORM**

Students are expected to be in full school uniform on their return. We understand that some families are struggling to buy shoes at this time and will accept this term, **all black trainers (including the sole)** with no other colours or logos showing and hope that this will go some way in helping at this time. If any area of the trainer has anything other than black, regardless of how small, they will not be accepted. If anyone has any questions about this, please contact your Progress Leader before purchasing a trainer. A reminder that blazers and ties should also be worn. If anyone is struggling with uniform, please contact a member of the safeguarding team, who will be able to discuss how we can support you.

## **PE**

Students will be required to bring in their PE kit for PE lessons from the day of return as we feel it is important for the well-being of students. Additional spaces have been created for students to change safely and the changing rooms will be cleaned using the fogger in between each use, which staff have been doing throughout lockdown, along with cleaning of equipment after use.

## **FACE COVERINGS**

The guidance has now been updated and students will be expected to wear face coverings throughout the day, in classrooms as well as circulation spaces where it is not possible for them to socially distance. We ask for your support, as it is one of the key measures in place to reduce transmission, to keep everyone safe and to help us to remain open. Students will need to bring a face covering in with them each day, as part of their school uniform and some will be available for students to buy at school, if required.

As you will be aware, we are still in a lockdown and it is important that everyone follow all of the rules, to keep you and your families safe.

We look forward to welcoming students back into school once more and to all of Year 11 showing their true ability and skills over the coming months, with the support of everyone in school.

Yours Faithfully,



Rachel Hudson

Headteacher