



21 July 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

As I promised in my letter last week, I wanted to clearly communicate the arrangements for the start of the new academic year in September 2021.

As students will potentially mix with lots of other people during the summer holidays, government advice is that all secondary school students should receive 2 on-site lateral flow device tests, 3 to 5 days apart, on their return in the autumn term.

In order for us to carry this out effectively, we are planning to stagger the return of students across the first week. Students should then continue to test twice weekly at home until the end of September, when this will be reviewed.

Students will enter via the courtyard entrance of school at the identified times on the table below.

We would ask that students wear a face mask until they have received an on-site negative lateral flow test and then they can go to their allocated lessons.

On Friday 16 July the DfE updated its information on lateral flow testing in September 2021. It stated that: 'On return in the autumn, secondary schools and colleges do not need to re-seek consent for students who have previously provided consent for ATS testing. Consent may be sought for any student who has not previously provided consent for testing, for example new entrants in Year 7 or new students to the school.'

If you are a current Year 6 student or did not previously consent to testing and wish to now, please complete the below form as soon as possible.

<https://form.jotform.com/210062273874049>

Thank you all again for your continued support and I hope that all of our community manage to get a well-earned rest over the summer holidays. We look forward to welcoming all of our students and staff back in September.

Yours faithfully

Jennifer Thornton
Acting Principal



Monday 6 th September	INSET day for staff. No students to attend the academy.
Tuesday 7 th September	INSET day for staff. No students to attend the academy.
Wednesday 8th September Year 7: Test 1 Slot 3 10.30-11.00 Slot 4 11.30-12.00 Year 12: Test 1 Slot 5 12.30-1.00 Slot 6 1.30-2.00	Year 7 & 12 only. (Test 1) Year 7: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrive at 10.20am through the Courtyard entrance for testing and then assembly in Old Hall. With form tutors for rest of day. • Socially distance in Courtyard. Wearing masks until a negative test result is gained. Year 12: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrive at 12.20pm for testing through Courtyard entrance for testing and then assembly in Old Hall. • 2-3pm timetable and options administration • Timetables to be collected from Old hall. A-Z Order.
Thursday 9th September Year 10: Test 1 Slot 1 8.30-9.00 Slot 2 9.30-10.00 Year 11: Test 1 Slot 3 10.30-11.00 Slot 4 11.30 – 12.00 Year 13: Test 1 Slot 5 12.30-1.00 Slot 6 1.30-2.00	Years 7, 10, 11, 12, 13 only in school with Year 11 & 13 starting later. Year 7 & 12: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrive at 8.20am go to form time Period 1 then normal lessons. Year 10: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrive at 8.20am (first day) through the Courtyard entrance for testing and then assembly in Old Hall. Form group order and timetables in Old hall. Year 11: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrive at 10.20am (first day) through the Courtyard entrance for testing and then assembly in Old Hall. Form group order and timetables in Old hall. Year 13: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrive at 12.20pm (first day) through the Courtyard entrance for testing and then assembly in Old Hall. Form group order and timetables in Old hall.
Friday 10th September Year 8: Test 1 Slot 1 8.30-9.00 Slot 2 9.30-10.00 Year 9: Test 1 Slot 3 10.30-11.00 Slot 4 11.30 – 12.00	All students in school with Year 9 starting later. Year 7,10,11,12,13: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrive at 8.20am form time period 1 then normal day. Year 8: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrive at 8.20am (first day) through the Courtyard entrance for testing and then assembly in Old Hall. Form group order and timetables in Old hall.

	<p>Year 9:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrive at 10.20am (first day) through the Courtyard entrance for testing and then assembly in Old Hall. Form group order and timetables in Old hall.
<p>Monday 13th September</p> <p>Year 7: Test 2 (5days apart)</p> <p>Slot 1 8.30-9.00</p> <p>Slot 2 9.30-10.00</p> <p>Year 12: Test 2 (5days apart)</p> <p>Slot 3 10.30-11.00</p> <p>Slot 4 11.30 – 12.00</p> <p>Year 10: Test 2 (4days apart)</p> <p>Slot 5 12.30-1.00</p> <p>Slot 6 1.30-2.00</p> <p>Year 13: Test 2 (4days apart)</p> <p>Slot 5 12.30-1.00</p> <p>Slot 6 1.30-2.00</p>	<p>Normal school day for all</p>
<p>Tuesday 14th September</p> <p>Year 8: Test 2 (4days apart)</p> <p>Slot 1 8.30-9.00</p> <p>Slot 2 9.30-10.00</p> <p>Year 9: Test 2 (5days apart)</p> <p>Slot 3 10.30-11.00</p> <p>Slot 4 11.30 – 12.00</p> <p>Year 11: Test 2 (5days apart)</p> <p>Slot 5 12.30-1.00</p> <p>Slot 6 1.30-2.00</p>	<p>Normal school day for all</p>