

2 March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Return to School - Year 12

We are really looking forward to welcoming your son/daughter/ward back to school and to on-site lessons. I do hope that they are ready for the return and enthusiastic about the opportunity of being back in classes and learning with their peers.

This letter sets out the arrangements for your son/daughter/ward's return, so I would be grateful if you would check the details and ensure that you are familiar with them. The arrangements are specific to Year 12 students.

Due to the complexity of the testing programme, we are phasing the return of students to school, so there will be a mix on remote and on-site learning for the first few days.

Lateral Flow Testing

We have been asked to test your son/daughter/ward for coronavirus (COVID-19) at school. If they have consented, we will give them three tests over two weeks and, once these tests have been completed, ask them to take two tests a week at home.

These tests aim to identify any student testing positive for COVID-19. If your son/daughter/ward tests positive, they will then be asked to self-isolate to prevent any further viral spread.

Return to School and First Test

Those **who have consented** to being tested must then return to school for the first lateral flow test at:

8.30am on Monday 8 March.

Students will enter the school via their normal designated gate and they will be shown to the testing venue where they will be guided through the test by trained staff. This process will include registration, the test itself and showing the students how to read the results. Once the test is complete the students will return home. We anticipate this being at around 10.30am.

Should your son/daughter/ward return a positive test, we will inform them of the result and give further advice about self-isolation.

Students **who have not consented** to taking part in the testing programme are not to attend school on 8 March, but undertake self-directed private study.

Year 12 students are to complete the set work at home for their **afternoon lessons (starting period 4 at 12.30pm)** on Monday 8 March.

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Return to Lessons and Further Tests

All Year 12 students, except those who test positive for COVID-19, are then to return to school for normal face-to-face lessons **on Tuesday 9 March**. The exact time will depend on individual student timetables.

For students who have consent, the two further tests will take place during the school day on the morning of Friday 12 March and the afternoon of Wednesday 17 March.

From Monday 22 March, we will be issuing home testing kits for all consenting students and further details will follow about how to undertake these tests.

At-A-Glance

WHO?	TIMINGS	WHAT?
Monday 8 March		
Students consenting for test	8.30 - 10.30am	Arrival and Lateral Flow Test.
	10.30am	Travel home.
Students not consenting for test	8.30am - 12.30pm	Remain at home for self-directed private study.
All students	12.30 - 3.50pm	Online from 12.30pm for set work and Remote Learning at home
Tuesday 9 March		
All students	Normal time as per timetable	Attend school at normal time and return to timetable.

COVID-19 Safety – Face Coverings

It remains really important to keep safety measures in place on the school site. Your son/daughter/ward will be used to our safety procedures but they should note that face coverings are now to be worn in classrooms where social distancing cannot be preserved. This is likely to apply to the majority of Year 12 classes, so please do ensure that your son/daughter/ward is aware of this new requirement.

Sixth Form Expectations

Please note that your son/daughter/ward is expected to conform to the normal Sixth Form expectations on the return to school.

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I look forward to seeing your son/daughter/ward back in school and thank you for supporting us with the home learning over the past few weeks.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Euan Ferguson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Euan Ferguson
Headteacher

