



1/3/2021

Dear Parent career

We have now closed the consent for students testing. We have had a very positive response to testing and I can now share the plan with you for students to return to school. Those students who have identified that they want to be part of the testing process will get an additional letter sharing their three test times and dates with them.

We have made the decision to test students on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March**. To reduce the risk of bubble cross over **we will NOT open the school to other students until Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March. However, we will maintain or provision for the students of key workers and those who are vulnerable on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>**. This is also a safeguarding precaution as we will have to use the main school gates through the day to allow students to enter and leave site after tests, which means there is potential for the school site to be less secure than normal. **Teams lessons will not take place on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> March** as staff will be supporting the testing process in school. Staff will email pupils work to complete during this time. Please ensure your child completes all work set.

On **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March ALL students will return to school**. The students will follow the same expectations as they did prior to the start of the lock down. This includes staggered start and finish times (see the table below). On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> students will spend the first two periods in their form groups. This is to give them time with their form tutor to catch up, it will also be used to update students on expectations and any changes to the school risk assessment.

Groups	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday Start	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday Finish	Wednesday Start	Wednesday Finish
Year 10 and Year 11	Arrive: 8.40am Lesson 1 starts: <b>8.45am</b>	2.50pm	Arrive: 8.40am Lesson 1 starts: <b>8.45am</b>	2.00pm
Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9	Arrive: 8.55am Lesson 1 starts: <b>9.00am</b>	3.05pm	Arrive: 8.55am Lesson 1 starts: <b>9.00am</b>	1.50pm

### Break time

The school break time provision of food will not be available, as we are unable to safely ensure students can access the provision whilst not coming into contact with other year group bubbles. Students will be permitted to bring in their own snacks and drinks. Fizzy drinks and energy drinks will not be permitted. Please ensure your child brings in enough water for the day as they will not be able to access water from the school office.

Students will have designated break areas:

**Year 7 and 8** will have set areas of the year 7 yard to play games.

For students who want to sit quietly they will have set areas in the quad. Year 7 and 8 will not be permitted to mix in these areas.

**Year 9** – Middle Yard

In wet weather students will be able to access the space that is their provision for wet lunchtimes.



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### Lunch time

Year 7 students will go to lunch at 12.55 every day apart from Wednesday, when they will go at 12.05. Years 8 and 9 students will have the second sitting for lunch this will be the second 25 minutes. Students will line up in year groups outside the back of the humanities block. Lines will be 2 metres from the other year groups. Students will be allowed into the dining room, 5 at a time. Students will have access to a reduced lunch time menu of grab and go food.

Students will not be permitted in the building at break time and lunch time unless it is wet weather.

### Key Stage 4 (Years 10 and 11)

Key stage 4 students will act as a whole bubble. This will allow them to cover the full suite of GCSE subjects that they have opted for. KS4 will access lessons in the new building.

KS4 students will arrive at school at 8.40am and start their lessons at 8.45am. At the start of the day, students will go straight to their line up area for the first lesson. Students will be met by staff at the line up point for their classroom. They will be led into lessons where possible using external doors.

When exiting classrooms, students will be expected to use external doors, to limit the travel time in the school building. Teachers will direct them to exit classrooms and students will be expected to wait in the designated line up areas for their teacher to collect them.

KS4 students will be expected to line up outside on their classrooms designated spots after each lesson, break and lunch.

### PE

PE will still be delivered at key stage 3 in mixed form groups. Students will be expected to attend school in their PE kit on the days that they have PE.

Students will not have form time each morning and will go straight to lessons one, we have replaced period 1 lessons on Wednesdays with an extended form time to ensure students form teachers are regularly checking in with students and supporting them. During this time, we will also be completing a number of personal development and well-being lessons. There will also be virtual assemblies during this time.

Just a **reminder that students will be expected to wear mask in class until Easter**. Those students who are exempt need to complete an exemption form. You can find this link on the school website.

### Please share this with your children.

This last year has been exceptionally difficult. You have shown incredible resilience and adaptability. You have been selfless and put the needs of others before your own. You have made so many sacrifices and yet faced the challenges with strength and determination. There is much you have been told you've lost, including many weeks of your education, but there is also much that you have gained. You will emerge from this stronger. This may be the greatest challenge you have faced so far but it will not be the last. Next time you will find you have more resources and are better prepared (and even more so the time after that).

We know some of you will be worried about what the future holds. We want you to know we are here for you. We know you will need a chance to reconnect with your friends. We know you will need time and space to play and be active. We know you are desperate to get back to your sports/music/art/acting and everything else that is so crucial to your development. We know that you are keen to get back to your academic studies in school and college as well. We know that evenings, weekends and holidays are as important as your time at school. We are committed to ensuring that your opportunities are balanced and wherever your passions lie you have the chance to pursue these. We will be here to encourage you, support you, challenge and help you every step of the way.



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You are the future and that future is not written. There are challenges but there always have been and always will be: we know we will get through this together. We have complete faith in you. We want you to know that; more than anything. Do not let us or anyone else tell you what you can or cannot be. We do not know. We cannot imagine what you will achieve. But we are so excited to see and be a part of it.

We are all looking forward to having you back in school as it just hasn't been the same without you all in it. Whatever happens next, it will just be another step in your journey.

Yours sincerely

Miss Evans