

20th July 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to you to share the Academy's initial plan for the start of the school year in September 2021. These plans include our normal start of year activities, as well as meeting the current requirements set out by the Government in response to Covid-19.

The link to the current governmental guidance for schools, colleges and local authorities can be found [here](#). The Academy has made plans to ensure the guidance within this documentation is met and that students are kept safe while minimising the impact on the learning of students. Due to the ever-changing situation, the Academy may need to write to you with further or changed details and will do so no later than w/c 23rd August 2021. Hopefully, the following details will allow you to begin planning with your child for their return to school next academic year.

Autumn Term 2021

Thursday 2nd September 2021 to Friday 17th December 2021. *

Autumn Half Term Holiday

Monday 25th October 2021 to Friday 29th October 2021.

Christmas Holiday

Monday 20th December 2021 to Monday 3rd January 2022.

***Please note: 2nd & 3rd September are designated INSET days**
Monday 6th September first day of school – Year 7 ONLY
Tuesday 7th September first day of school – Year 8,9,10 & 11

Lateral Flow Testing

Once again there is a requirement for schools and academies to encourage twice weekly Lateral Flow Testing for all students and the Academy will continue to issue tests to students who have registered parental consent. In line with the governments guidance the onsite testing provision will be reset up and we will invite all new Year 7 students to test before they are issued with home testing kits.

All students in Years 8-11 must complete two Lateral Flow Tests (between 3-5 days apart) before returning to school on **Tuesday 7th September 2021**. Parents or carers who would like to have their child complete these tests in our onsite testing centre can register [here](#):

You will be given a 30-minute window on Thursday 2nd and Monday 6th September in order for them to complete both tests. Those who would prefer to test at home may do so but the result **MUST** be registered on the NHS website detailed in the packs instructions or that can be found [here](#).

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Uniform expectations

All students will be expected to return in full uniform from the beginning of term. Full details of the uniform requirements can be found on our website [here](#). Academy specific items such as blazers, ties, jumpers and PE shirts can be purchased from our online uniform shop accessed through the *ParentPay* website.

Please note:

- Black trousers – no cord, jeans or leggings
- Plain black school shoes are to be worn. No boots, trainers or canvas
- School jumpers do not have to be worn at all times, however blazers must be worn every day.
- Students may only wear the following items of jewellery: A watch; A single chain with religious symbol hidden from view; Single studs in the ear lobe.
- Hairstyles should not be extreme in fashion with no unusual colours permitted.
- Year 11 students are permitted to wear discreet make up and clear or natural coloured nail varnish. Students in all other years are not permitted to wear make-up or nail varnish and will be asked to remove it.

Equipment

Students will be expected to have their core equipment with them which will be a pen, pencil, ruler, highlighter, eraser, contact book and PE kit when needed.

In addition to this core set of equipment we would also recommend the following:

- Calculator
- Colouring pencils
- Pocket dictionary
- A green pen

The Academy will continue to follow the advice from Public Health England and the Department of Education over the summer break and monitor the number local Covid-19 cases. Any further decisions will be made based on how the Academy can limit further disruption to students' education while ensuring we minimise any risk to all members of our community. All decisions are made and agreed by our board of Trustees and I will write to parents and carers to keep you updated should the need arise.

Our hope is to start the new school year in a positive manner avoiding where possible the shadow cast by the pandemic in recent times. I would again like to thank you for your ongoing support and positivity you have shown this year and I wish you all a peaceful and relaxing summer break.

Yours faithfully



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