



“Be Inspired & Achieve Together”

December 8th 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Arrangements for COVID-19 testing of all students before returning to the academy in January ‘22

The Government have asked all secondary schools to prepare to test students for covid on return in January. This means students must first attend the academy for a covid test in January and will then be able to return to lessons the following day as long as they have received a negative test result.

We understand this impacts on a prompt return to learning in the academy but hope you understand that testing continues to play a vital role in keeping COVID-19 out of schools. Testing all students boosts testing participation and helps reduce transmission after a period of social mixing over the holidays. After this test on return, students should continue to test in line with government guidelines. The arrangements below are based on the latest government guidance; however, they **may be subject to change**.

The Spring term for students begins on Wednesday 5th January however in that week all students must remain at home and access their learning remotely until they have been tested at the academy and received a negative test result. Covid testing will take place in our A Block Sports Hall and students should go straight home afterwards. Further information on remote learning will follow shortly. If you have any concerns regarding computing facilities or internet access, we are here to help, so please contact your child’s head of year by email, so that we can try to find a solution as soon as possible.

We will contact parents and carers during the Christmas holidays with student appointment times.

Week Commencing 3 rd January 2022				
Monday 3 rd January	Tuesday 4 th January	Wednesday 5 th January	Thursday 6 th January	Friday 7 th January
School Holiday	INSET DAY	Y7 & 11 Covid Test then home	Y8 & 10 Covid Test then home	Y9, 12 & 13 Covid Test then home
		Only students in Y7 & 11 will arrive at the academy at their designated time slot and leave to go home immediately after their test.	Students will arrive at school at their designated time slot and leave immediately after their test.	Students will arrive at school at their designated time slot and leave immediately after their test.
		All students access remote learning via Synergy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y7 & Y11 students return to lessons in the academy All other students access remote learning via Synergy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y7, 8, 10 & 11 students in the academy for lessons All other students access remote learning via Synergy

***Monday 10th January:** All students are expected in the academy for lessons unless they have had positive test result.

Thank you as ever for your cooperation.
Yours faithfully,

Matt Robertson
Principal