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Dear Parents and Carers

Updated start dates for the beginning of Term 1 as a result of recent changes to government guidelines. This affects all year groups – please read carefully.

Recent government guidance has stated that, on return to school in September, all students should complete two lateral flow tests on site (3-5 days apart), with the negative results from this allowing us to confidently let students mix in school without risk of transmission. As such, we need to stagger the start of the new academic year in order to facilitate this on-site testing and ensure a smooth return to school for the beginning of this important academic year.

Please see the revised start of Term dates below, in line with government guidance:

DATE	Years 7 & 11	Years 8, 9, 10
Tuesday 31st August	Years 7 & 11 Test Day 1 Then go home	_____
Wednesday 1st September	INSET DAY	
Thursday 2nd September	INSET DAY	
Friday 3rd September	Years 7 & 11 Test Day 2 Then go home	_____
Monday 6th September	Years 7 & 11 normal day	Years 8,9,10 Test Day 1 Then go home
Tuesday 7th September	Years 7 & 11 normal day	Years 8, 9, 10 normal day
Wednesday 8th September	Years 7 & 11 normal day	Years 8, 9, 10 normal day
Thursday 9th September	Years 7 & 11 normal day	Years 8, 9, 10 Test Day 2 Then go home
Friday 10th September	Years 7 & 11 normal day	Years 8, 9, 10 normal day



Students who are engaging with the testing, **will** be expected to wear full academy school uniform and *enter the building via the canteen entrance*.

Specific information about timings of testing for your child can be found below. Please ensure that your child attends in their designated slot:

Year 7 and 11 - Test 1 on Tuesday 31st August and Test 2 on Friday 3rd September

9-9.30am **Year 7** Surname A-C
9.30-10am **Year 7** Surname D-H
10-10.30am **Year 7** Surname I-N
10.30-11am **Year 7** Surname O-Z

12.30-1pm **Year 11** Surname A-C
1-1.30pm **Year 11** Surname D-H
1.30-2pm **Year 11** Surname I-N
2-2.30pm **Year 11** Surname O-Z

Year 8, 9 and 10 - Test 1 on Monday 6th September and Test 2 on Thursday 9th September

8.30-9.00am **Year 8** Surname A-C
9.00-9.30am **Year 8** Surname D-H
9.30-10.00am **Year 8** Surname I-N
10.00-10.30am **Year 8** Surname O-Z

11.30-12.00 **Year 9** Surname A-C
12.00-12.30 **Year 9** Surname D-H
12.30-1.00pm **Year 9** Surname I-N
1.00-1.30pm **Year 9** Surname O-Z

2.30-3.00pm **Year 10** Surname A-C
3.00-3.30pm **Year 10** Surname D-H
3.30-4.00pm **Year 10** Surname I-N
4.00-4.30pm **Year 10** Surname O-Z

Students will be supported by staff to administer the lateral flow test and then, upon completion of the test, will return home. Once results have been processed parents/carers will be notified via email.

Thank you for your co-operation and that of your child, as we endeavour to continue to support the government's drive to mitigate the impact of the virus.

Kindest regards



Hilary Morawska

