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Dear Parent

### January Return – Update

Happy New Year to you all – we hope you have enjoyed a lovely break and are looking forward to the year ahead.

Over the last two days, we have received updates from the Department for Education regarding the arrangements for students returning to secondary schools this week.

These do mean changes to our planned start to term, so I wanted to write to update you as soon as possible:

### Staggered return to school

School run lateral flow testing will now take place **before** students return to the classroom. This means we will return with the following stagger:

Date	Learning	Lateral Flow Test
Wednesday 5 January	Remote learning from home for Years 7 to 11 (via Microsoft Teams)	Testing for Years 7, 10 and 11
Thursday 6 January	Return to school for Years 7, 10 and 11  Remote learning from home for Years 8 and 9	Testing for Years 8 and 9
Friday 7 January	Return to school for Years 8 and 9  All students in school	Continue to test twice weekly at home

If you have consented to your child receiving a lateral flow test, they should therefore attend school for their test at the following time:

#### Wednesday:

- 9.00am – 7CBL, 7GCR, 7JYA, 7CEM
- 9.30am – 7BAT, 7SMA, 7SWA
- 10.30am – 10AMC, 10AVN
- 11.00am – 10DMI, 10GJE
- 11.30am – 10MKN, 10PEV
- 1.00pm – 11ALU, 11DMC
- 1.30pm – 11KCR, 11MKI
- 2.00pm – 11MMA, 11NBA

#### Thursday:

- 9.00am – 8JDE, 8MBA
- 9.30am – 8NPA, 8PMC
- 10.00am – 8SSH, 8ZJA
- 11.00am – 9AEV, 9HHY
- 11.30am – 9IBI, 9RWD
- 12.00am – 9SBU, 9SWE

After their test, students will return home. They should wear face coverings for their lateral flow test, but are not required to wear uniform.

### **Testing for those who have had Covid and Self-Isolation periods**

We have now had clarification on testing those who have had Covid in the past 90 days – they **can be tested** on their return to school and should continue to use the lateral flow tests twice weekly at home.

In addition, as per the recent national guidance, if anyone tests positive for coronavirus, their isolation period can be reduced to 7 days, as long as two consecutive negative lateral flow test results are seen for both the sixth and seventh day.

### **Face coverings**

All students (unless medically exempt) must now wear face coverings in both classrooms and indoor communal areas. In line with this, please find our updated guidance attached. It is important that students bring their own face covering and a spare to school each day, so please ensure they are prepared for their return. If you need support with this, please contact us before students return.

### **New Staff**

In addition to Government updates, I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce a number of new colleagues who have joined the academy over the Christmas break. I am delighted that we continue to attract strong fields of candidates for positions in the school, meaning that we are able to ensure students receive the highest quality of teaching and support. Please find enclosed a full list of staff starters and leavers from the Christmas period.

Yours faithfully



Mr B Driver  
Principal

Enclosed: Staff Starters and Leavers – January 2022  
Attached: Face covering guidance – January 2022

## **Staff Starters and Leavers – January 2022**

### **Staff Starters – January 2022**

- David Woolard-Kingston – Teacher of Business & Computing (11KCR form tutor)
- Sue Slatford – Teacher of Catering (9HHY form tutor)
- Adam Revell – Teacher of Geography
- Daniel Soanes – Second in Mathematics (10GJE form tutor)
- Michelina Henwood – Teacher of Modern Foreign Languages
- Jake Sewell – Head of Science
- Hannah Smedley – Academy Administrator
- Wendy Carter – Cleaner
- Shane Pearson – Cover Supervisor
- Robert Arger – Regional Careers Leader

### **Internal Appointments – September 2021 to January 2022**

- Matthew Foster – Teacher of Science (10MKN form tutor)
- Di Foster – Data & Examinations Manager
- Hayley Hall – Facilities Manager
- Jan Rzymiski – Facilities Assistant
- Claire Neave – Safeguarding Officer

### **Staff Leavers – December 2021**

- Helen Hyde – Teacher of Catering
- Gary Jepp – Teacher of Computing and Mathematics
- Kevin Cromwell – Head of Geography
- Martin Knapp – Teacher of Science
- Jenny Yuan – Cleaner
- Theresa English – Counsellor
- Adam Garrod – Cover Supervisor
- Ellena Hallybone – Subject Assistant