



“Success For All”

Monday 1st March 2021

Return to school arrangements

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing in response to the recent instruction from the government for schools to reopen to all students during the week beginning 8th March.

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge what an amazing job all our staff and students have done in providing and engaging in online education since Christmas. I would like to thank you as parents for all you have done in continuing to support both students and school in this most difficult of times. All the fantastic work that has taken place since Christmas has ensured that disruption to learning has been kept to a minimum. That said, there is no substitute for face to face teaching, and as we return to onsite learning, we will continue to prioritise the health and wellbeing of our school community, whilst enabling students to follow a broad, balanced and creative curriculum.

Return to onsite learning

On the days when students are coming to the school site for their first test (Friday 5th March) and second test (Monday 8th March), live remote lessons **will not take place**. All lessons have been replaced with preplanned resource based work for these days.

Due to the significant numbers of students and trained staff that will be involved in testing on Monday 8th March, students in all year groups will return to school on **Tuesday 9th March** and should proceed to their tutor bases room at the appropriate start time. All existing protocols regarding bubbles, one-way system, entrances, exits, hand sanitizing and timings of the day will revert to those in place between September to Christmas – a reminder of entrances to the site and buildings can be found below: -

Reminder of timings and entrance/exits from Tuesday 9th March 2021

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	HUB
Entrance & Exit	Main Reception	Music Department	Red Door at Front of School	Canteen	Core Block	Red Door at Front of School
Tutor Time	8:45 – 9:10	8:50 – 9:10	8:50 – 9:10	8:45 – 9:10	8:45 – 9:10	8:45 – 9:10
Break	10:00 – 10:10	11:30 – 11:40	11:30 – 11:40	10:00 – 10:10	11:00 – 11:10	10:00 – 10:10
Lunch	12:40 – 1:10	1:10 – 1:40	1:10 – 1:40	12:10-12:40	12:10 – 12:40	12:00-12:40
End of School Day	2:45	2:50	2:50	2:45	2:45	2:45

Year 12 and Year 13 should attend for their timetabled lessons.

Students must continue to use their assigned entrances/exits.

As before, it is important that students arrive at their allocated start time to avoid unnecessary mixing.

Attendance

The Government has made it clear that all students are expected to attend school from week commencing 8th March 2021. The two greatest determining factors relating to student wellbeing and attainment are good attendance and outstanding effort - this has never been more important than now.

Finally, I appreciate there has been a lot of information shared in over the last two weeks, however it is important that we follow government guidance carefully and make you aware of our plans at each step. Hopefully this gives you confidence in the way we are managing the situation and priority we are placing on the health, safety and wellbeing of our students, staff and visitors.

Thank you again for your support in meeting the various challenges the past year has brought us as a school community. We know that with your continued support, our students and staff will work together to make a successful transition back to on-site learning.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Kent', written in a cursive style.

Michael Kent
Principal