

Monday 1st March 2021

Ref: Return to the Academy Week Commencing 8th March

Dear Parent/ Carer,

Love to Learn Day

In preparation for returning to school, Friday 5th March is our Love to Learn Day for students in years 7 to 11. Students will take part in lots of activities to help them prepare for returning to school. We hope everyone has lots of fun learning and is ready to come back into school next week. Students can see more information on Google Classroom.

	IFri:1	IFri:2	IFri:3	IFri:4	IFri:5	
Year 7	Visiting Author! Can you guess who it might be?		A choice of activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Silly Speeches • Funky Science • Astounding Art • Dramatic Drama • Horrible Histories 		Well Being session: A choice of activities including : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bake a cake • Make a stress ball • Go for a bike ride • Make a mother's day card • Take part in a Yoga Lesson • Build a Bridge • Start reading a new book • Brain Training • Dancing 'The Greatest Showman' 	
Year 8	Learning Brilliance	Exciting Engineering				
Year 9	Girls Like That					
Year 10	Science Master Class	English Master Class	Careers you might never have thought about! Independent advice from Careers Inc.	Maths Masterclass		
Year 11	Science Master Class	What are you doing with the rest of your life? Careers and Post 16. Independent advice from Careers Inc.	Maths Master Class	English Master Class		Please send in photographs of your accomplishments so we can display them in school and with permission, share them on social media!

Date of Return to School Week Commencing 8th March

We are delighted that students will be returning to school week commencing 8th March. Due to the need to test students for asymptomatic Covid 19 before or on their return we will be staggering start dates for students as follows:

Year Group Bubble	First Day Back	Time To Arrive
Year 7	Wednesday 10 th March	8.25am
Year 8	Wednesday 10 th March	8.25am
Year 9	Tuesday 9 th March	8.25am
Year 10	Monday 8 th March	8.40am
Year 11	Tuesday 9 th March	8.40am
Post 16	Monday 8 th March	8.25am

For all students not in school we will continue to live stream lessons. It is important to continue to attend these lessons!

Staggering year groups will ensure the safest return to the academy possible as it allows us to ensure there is no one with asymptomatic Covid 19 in school.

Reminders for Students

As we return to school it is important to be prepared and ready to learn. Students should wear full uniform with plain, black school shoes and black socks. Please remember that boots or Vivienne Westwood shoes and other types of shoes with buckles or embellishments are not appropriate. Nail varnish and false nails should be removed, hair colour and make-up should be natural. Skirts should not be shortened by folding them over. Students can wear a plain, dark or grey jumper (without a logo) in class if it is cold due to increased ventilation. Hoodies are not allowed and you will be asked to remove them if worn. Coats should not be worn without your teacher's permission and not in corridors.

Please bring a bag that can hold an A4 folder and bring a pencil case with a pen, pencil and ruler. Please remember to bring your planner.

Remember to wear a mask.

Line up in your year group bubble area as you come into school.

Lastly, remember to get plenty of sleep the night before school and to be on time.

We are really looking forward to seeing you and no matter how much you think you may have missed we will help you to catch up! Just be ready to try your hardest.

Reminders for Parents

Please ensure that if you have changed address or contact number that you inform us on the day your son/ daughter returns to school, it is vital we can contact you in case of an emergency.

Please complete the LFD consent form: [Covid Lateral Flow Test Consent Form](#) to consent or decline consent for testing for asymptomatic Covid 19 before Wednesday at 5pm.

If necessary, please top up dinner money accounts ready for the first day back.

Risk Assessment

With the new Kent Covid 19 variant being more transmissible we have reviewed the academy risk assessment again. A copy will be available on the academy website on Friday 5th March.

We have reduced student movement further by putting year 7, 8 and 9 students in tutor time with their lesson 1 teachers and year 10 and 11 students in tutor time with their lesson 5 teacher.

We will still have a two week timetable and double lessons to prevent the need for as much movement around school.

Lesson times are further staggered to allow teachers to escort students as they move around the academy to prevent any mixing of year group bubbles in corridors.

Increased cleaning will occur in classrooms. There will also be increased ventilation, especially as the weather improves further.

Masks should now be worn in classrooms as well as in corridors, unless students are exempt. Teachers and support staff will also wear masks if they are unable to socially distance from students in smaller classrooms as well as utilising screens.

Students and staff will complete LFD testing to identify anyone who has asymptomatic Covid 19.

There have been fewer cases of Covid 19 in the academy community than generally in the local population and we will continue to make every effort to ensure we minimise any possible transmission of virus in school.

If Someone in your Household Tests Positive for Covid-19

Please be aware that your household should all isolate if any member of your family tests positive for Covid 19. Please also inform the academy. Do not send your child to school.

We will continue to create lessons for students who need to isolate and these will be available via Google Classroom.

Thank you

We are delighted that students are returning to the academy. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on their return date. We know that lockdown has been a very difficult time for many students and that some will feel anxious. We will be doing everything possible to help them settle back into a positive school routine.

I would also like to say thank you to all of you who have been supporting your children to continue to learn via home schooling. The effort you have made has been fantastic!

Yours faithfully,



Mrs J Gaunt
Principal