

Head: Dr. V.J. Ogden BA (Hons) MA (Ed) EdD FRSA

5th March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope that you and your family are well.

We are looking forward to welcoming students back to the school next week.

As a reminder, students will return to school next week as follows:

Year 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday at designated time for Covid test* Tuesday onwards as normal
Years 7 and 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday at designated time for Covid test* Wednesday onwards as normal
Years 10 and 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wednesday at designated time for Covid test* Thursday onwards as normal
Years 8 and 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thursday at designated time for Covid test* Friday onwards as normal

*A separate letter will be sent today with specific times for students in each year group

Covid testing is based on consent from parents/carers. Thank you to those who have already provided consent. This can be done [here](#).

Testing in school is only for students who have no symptoms, and who have not been named as a contact of anyone who has tested positive for Covid. Please follow normal government guidance in this situation.

Anyone who has tested positive for Covid in the last 90 days does not need to participate in the testing programme, if this is the case and you have already provided consent, please let us know.

If you have any questions or concerns about Covid testing at school, please contact Deputy Headteacher Jo Skelhorne - jskelhorne@mulberryschoolstrust.org

Students in Year 12 and 13

The times of the school day for Year 12 and Year 13 students will revert to 8.45 - 3.30pm to allow morning registration to take place at the same time as the rest of the school.

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After we initially return, sixth form students will be able to undertake independent study at home if they are able to. This will only be during the initial return and we will keep you updated on this.

Year 8 entrance

Students in Year 8 will now arrive at and leave school through the front entrance from Commercial Road. This will be a shared entrance with Year 7; however, Year 8 will enter through a separate door and take a separate route inside the building.

Masks

The government guidance has been updated and mask wearing is now recommended in all settings where distancing cannot be maintained, including in classrooms. We are requesting that all students (unless exempt) wear masks, and that this guidance is followed. Please ensure that your daughter arrives at school each day wearing her mask.

Exam grades

It is our priority to ensure that all students receive accurate grades; we are waiting for the full guidance, which is currently due to be released on Monday 8th March, and will update parents and students after this point. We continue to feel proud of how hard our Year 11 and 13 students are working and their achievement and we look forward to welcoming them back at the start of next week.

Free school meals and lunch

If students are eligible for FSM, then they will be offered a packed lunch that they can collect when they attend school for their Covid test. Lunch will run as normal once students return.

Next week will be the final week that the school provides weekly food bag. If you are not currently picking up a weekly food bag, but would like to request one for next week, please email admin@mulberryschoolforgirls.org

We are very pleased to be able to provide face to face education for our students again and are looking forward to what we can also now offer in addition to our taught curriculum. This is particularly in relation to opportunities for students to re-engage with the Arts, Technology and curriculum enrichment in face to face settings. We know that there are challenges, though we want our students to know that there is also lots to look forward to.

A reminder of contact details for our school Designated Safeguarding Lead, and all Heads of Year, is below.

Designated Safeguarding Lead	Kirsty Pugh	kpugh@mulberryschoolstrust.org
Head of Year 7	Rachel King	rking@mulberryschoolstrust.org
Head of Year 8	Emma Brown	ebrown@mulberryschoolstrust.org
Head of Year 9	Dawn Reid	dreid@mulberryschoolstrust.org
Head of Year 10	Saffia Rawat	srawat@mulberryschoolstrust.org
Head of Year 11	Dorothy Asare	dasare@mulberryschoolstrust.org
Head of Year 12	Bethany Roberts	broberts@mulberryschoolstrust.org
Head of Year 13	Samia Hadjadji	shadjadji@mulberryschoolstrust.org

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

Handwritten signature of Ms J Tuffee in cursive script.

Ms J Tuffee
Associate Headteacher

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