

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

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that you and your families are safe and well and that you have had an enjoyable summer break.

We have been thrilled to celebrate the outstanding results of our students this summer. At GCSE, one third of students averaged a grade 7 or higher in eight subjects, and at A level over one third of grades awarded were A/A\* with destinations of students including King's College London, Queen Mary, Cambridge and UCL amongst others. It has been exciting also to meet so many of our new Year 7 students through Summer school this week.

We are looking forward to welcoming all students back at the start of term and to the opportunities that the new school year brings.

### Student return and Covid testing

All students will be invited to school to take a Covid lateral flow test a day before the start of term; students will return home after they have taken their test. Students will be offered two on-site lateral flow tests with the second done during lesson time the following week.

Test results will be sent by text message and email to parents/carers using the current contact details held by the school. If you consented to Covid testing in the Spring term then you do not need to provide consent again. If you have not yet provided consent then you can do so [here](#).

### Student return dates

Year group	Date to attend school for a Covid test	First day of term
7 and 11	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September – see below for time	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September at 8.40am (finishing at 2pm on Thursday)
10 and 13	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September – see below for time	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September at 8.40am
8, 9 and 12	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September – see below for time	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> September at 8.40am

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Students in Year 7 to 11 should arrive and leave through the main reception; students in Year 12 and 13 through sixth form reception.

For Year 7 and 11 students, Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September will be a short day, finishing at 2pm. From Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September onwards school will finish at 3.30pm each day for all students.

### Times to attend school for a Covid test

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September – Year 7 and Year 11

11.30am	12 midday	12.30pm	1pm	3pm	3.30pm	4pm	4.30pm
Y7 surname beginning with A	Y7 surname beginning B to H	Y7 surname beginning I to M	Y7 surname beginning N to Z	11M, U	11L, B	11E, R	11Ra, Y

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September – Year 10 and 13

8am	8.30am	9am	9.30am	10am	11.30am
10M, U	10L, B	10E, R	10Ra, Y	13EP, ON, HK	13RB, DG, DI

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Year 8, Year 9 and Year 12

8am	8.30	9am	9.30	10am	11.30	12pm	12.30	1pm	3pm	3.30pm	4pm
8M,8U	8L, 8B	8E, 8R	8RA, 8Y	9M, 9U	9L, 9B	9E, 9R	9RA, 9Y	Y12 surname A to C	Y12 surname D-H	Y12 surname I-M	Y12 surname N-Z

### School uniform

Students should return to school in normal full school uniform. Full details of uniform requirements can be found [here](#). Nose studs and other body piercings than ears (with a pair of plain studs) are not permitted in school.

### Covid precautions

Students are still asked and advised to continue regular lateral flow testing at home after the initial two on-site tests. Tests will be provided by the school. Test results should be reported to the school [here](#) and also to NHS Track and Trace, [here](#).

Students must continue to isolate if they have symptoms of Covid 19 or have had a positive test result. If your child tests positive for Covid 19, please inform the school straight away.

Face coverings are not currently advised, though students can continue to wear a face mask if they choose to. This will be kept under review.

## Term dates

Term dates for the full 2021-22 academic year, including INSET days, can be found here: [School term dates](#)

## Change of contact details

If any of your contact details have changed, including address, phone number or email, please let us know immediately. This can be done here: [Change of details](#)

We look forward to seeing all students next week and to working closely with you over the coming term. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in grey ink, appearing to be 'AW' or similar initials.

Alice Ward  
Acting Headteacher