

19<sup>th</sup> July 2021

**September Re-opening Arrangements for Year 7 Students**

Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the end of the Summer Term and the academic year, I am writing to inform of our arrangements for the start of the new academic year.

We are really looking forward to welcoming your child to our academy and to the next five years of their journey in education. We were so disappointed that our scheduled transition week could not go ahead on-site but I would like to reassure you that we have planned the first week of the new academic Year with our new Year 7 students in mind.

We are keen to ensure that every child who starts with us in September has the opportunity to settle into the academy and feel confident, safe, and secure. We are also keen that new Year 7 students have the opportunity to meet their new teachers and other staff and spend some time to make new friends and to get to know us before the older year groups return. For this reason, we have planned two days of transition for Year 7 in the first week. On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September, Year 7 will be the only students in the academy, meaning that we can dedicate our time to them and helping them to settle in quickly. The full return schedule for Year 7 is outlined below.

In line with the latest government guidance, we are also required to offer on-site Covid-19 testing for our students. These arrangements are also detailed below.

**Please Note: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September is a Staff Training Day**  
**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September - Covid Testing for Years 7 and 11, by Appointment Only**

Please ensure that you have provided your consent for Covid testing and booked your appointment for a test using the SchoolCloud system which is accessible via the SchoolGateway App. An email will be sent to you to provide you with details of how to book your appointment in due course. If we do not have your consent, we will not be able to provide your child with Covid testing.

**Year 7**

<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September</b>
Closed to Year 7	*First on-site Covid Test by appointment and <b>return home.</b>	Year 7 Transition Day 1 <b>Arrive:</b> 8.30 am <b>Finish:</b> 2.50 pm	Year 7 Transition Day 2 <b>Arrive:</b> 8.30 am <b>Finish:</b> 2.50 pm	Normal School Day <b>Arrive:</b> 8.30 am <b>Finish:</b> 2.50 pm

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\* When arriving for a Covid testing appointment, students should access the academy site by the main pedestrian entrance which is located on Midmere Avenue and a member of staff will direct them to the Covid testing centre which will be located in the gym. Please note that students do not need to wear school uniform when they come for Covid testing.

### Uniform Expectations

All students will be required to comply fully with our dress code and uniform policy when they return to us in September 2021. A full copy of our Uniform Policy can be found on our website. In particular, please note that the following items do not conform to our Uniform Policy and must not be worn on the academy site:

- Jeans, leggings and short-cropped trousers are not permitted. Trousers must be plain black and of a tailored variety.
- Short, tight or elasticated tube skirts are not permitted. Skirts must be plain black, of a tailored variety and reach just above the knee
- Non-academy jumpers and hoodies are not permitted
- Trainers must not be worn unless your child has a medical note from the doctor, clearly explaining why they must wear trainers. Where this is the case, trainers must be plain and black.

Students arriving at the academy wearing non-uniform items will be required to remove them and may be returned home to change.

Our policy on facial piercings is also very clear and does not permit the wearing of facial piercings on the academy site; this includes nose piercings that must not be worn. Any student wearing a facial piercing will be required to remove it immediately. Failure to do so will result in sanctions being applied in accordance with our behaviour policy.

We sincerely hope that we can return to some sense of normality in September and have plans in place to make sure that all of our students return to as near normal experience in the academy as possible. However, we also know that guidance from the government and our local public health team can change at short notice in response to the infection rates locally and nationally. We will be carefully monitoring the situation over the summer and if we need to make any changes to our return plans, we will let you know as soon as we can.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer. I hope that the next academic year is much brighter for us all!

Yours sincerely



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