



3 March 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian and Student

Welcome back from Lockdown!

We are very excited for the return of students to school and to get them back into face to face learning.

The year 7 students had made a great start to their time at secondary school in the autumn term, and it was great to see them develop and mature in their new surroundings. I want to remind the students of this progress and continue this positive momentum on their return.

The students have done a fantastic job engaging in their online learning and striving to do their best in a new and difficult situation. They have learnt new skills which has allowed them to get the most out of their online learning. These skills will be invaluable moving forward and will help supplement their future learning.

One aspect the students had been working on before the lockdown, was their conduct in unstructured time at school (between lessons, breaktime and lunchtime) as there had been a number of incidents. Alongside this, the year group had been working hard on their online safety and appropriate use of social media. These will be two of the key focuses for the year 7 students when they return and I will be asking for your support at home.

All student must attend a year 7 'Return to School Assembly' on Thursday 4 March at 10am. This will be done via their tutor group Google Classroom page as if they were attending a tutor session.

<u>Testing – Tuesday 9 March</u>

Year 7 will be invited in for Covid testing.

7G1	8.50am
7G2	9.10am
7P1	9.30am
7P2	9.50am
7T1	10.10am
7T2	10.30am

Students will need to arrive at the times above and enter the site via the PE gate. Students will be asked to line up and enter the testing centre. Students will need to ensure they are wearing masks for this whole process, they will also be expected to wear school uniform.

Wednesday 10 March

Students will start school on Wednesday 10 March. They need to arrive to school at 8.20am as normal and tutor will start at 8.30am.

Students will then take part in a 'year group line up' on the MUGA and then go to Period 1 for 09.05am where they will have an assembly with me. Students will be in school for the rest of the day.

I am very excited to welcome them back and look forward to seeing them in assembly on Wednesday 10 March.

Yours sincerely

Mr J Bandy Head of Year 7