



3 March 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian and Student

Welcome back from Lockdown!

The start to 2021 academic year has been particularly challenging. Since January we have continued our way of learning to become an online school due to Covid-19. The majority of year 11 students have responded well to this situation to ensure that, despite the challenges, learning and progress has been achieved. And now I am excited to welcome them back to school on the week beginning 8 March. Please see specific dates and times below.

The basics

To support year 11 in successfully coming back please could you ensure:

- They have full school uniform (this include shoes and NOT trainers);
- They have the correct equipment;
- They have a number of masks to use throughout the day;
- They are on time to school.

A letter has been sent out previously about this so please refer to this.

The journey

Coming back, I have launched with the students the lead up to their "X-Factor Live Final". We want to work our way up to June 2021. Our first audition was our PPE1, our next step of the audition is the PPE2 in March 2021.

The most important messages are:

- Changing the Conversations – being positive, not focusing on the work or education they have missed but what they can do going forward;
- Positive Mental Attitude - we cannot change the past or what will happen with Covid, so be positive about the future;
- We Can Do It – Encouraging and pushing year 11 to say we can do it TOGETHER.



Support

To support the well-being of students, I have launched a survey for students to complete. This can be found on our year 11 Google Classroom; please can you encourage them to complete this.

On Monday 8 March students are being invited in for their first Covid testing. During this time, year 11 will also take part in their 'academic mentoring' session. This will be a great opportunity for year 11 to have a one with a member of staff. This is an opportunity for them to reflect on the past as well as looking forward. I really hope year 11 take this opportunity, as it could support them in structuring and planning their remaining months/weeks at Maiden Erlegh School in Reading.

Monday 8 March

Year 11 will be invited in for testing and academic mentoring.

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| 11G1 | 8.50am |
| 11G2 | 9.20am |
| 11P1 | 9.50am |
| 11P2 | 10.20am |
| 11T1 | 10.50am |
| 11T2 | 11.20am |

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 and then go to the academic mentoring hall. Students will need to ensure they are wearing masks for this whole process, they will also be expected to wear school uniform.

Tuesday 9 March

Students will start school on Tuesday 9 March. They need to be in school for 8.20am. Students will then take part in a 'year group line up' on the MUGA and then go to Period 1 for 9:05 where they will have an assembly with myself. 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 Tuesday 9 March.

Should you wish to discuss anything from the information evening or have any questions, please contact me on 01189 668 065.

Yours sincerely



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