

Sixth Form Bulletin 16.07.21

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Welcome

Thank you to all students and parents/carers who have shown great patience and understanding, particularly over the past week, with an increase in students isolating and the impact on lessons. Subject teachers are working hard to ensure that all resources are available on Google Classroom for students, including preparation and guidance ready to start year 13, whether they are isolating or in school and they should be checking this regularly for any lesson changes or communication from their teachers.

Quiet study room spaces are still available from 08:00 to 16:00 and Sixth Form staff are always available to speak to if students have any questions or concerns.

We appreciate that isolation periods are difficult for students and families and we will continue to do everything we can to support you academically and pastorally. Please use the contact details below to get in touch if we can do anything further to support you as we approach the end of term.

Vanguard Learning Award congratulations

We are delighted to offer our congratulations to Benjamin Surguy (12W) upon receiving the Vanguard Learning Award for Key Stage 5. His selection was based on his adherence to the Trust values of Aspiration, Community and Equity, maintaining incredibly high standards throughout the academic year, whilst dedicating a significant proportion of his time to help and support others.

Year 12 Reports

End of year paper reports have been issued to students. They are also available to view digitally on the parent portal area. Please contact us if you have not seen your child's report.

End of Summer Term

The last day of term for year **12 students is Thursday 22nd July**. Year 12 students will not be expected to attend school on Friday 23rd July and no lessons will take place.

Covid-19 lateral flow test kit collection and reporting

As we remain vigilant in school, please ensure you follow guidelines at home and inform us if your child is ill or develops symptoms of Covid. We would also like to reinforce the importance of regular testing and reporting until the end of term and report the results to **NHS Track and Trace** and via the school Google Form [here](#).

Start of Autumn term

At the present time the arrangements for coming back to school in September are below. A virtual assembly will be delivered to students next week with any further details shared in the bulletin on Friday. Please do keep an eye on Google Classrooms and emails during the last week of term and during the summer holidays as this is how we will communicate any updates or changes to the plans for September.

Tutorial time for all students will revert back to every morning from 08:30. Sixth Form students will all be expected to attend morning tutorial time every day. This time will be vital to share information centrally, hold assemblies and guide students through their post-18 plans. We will allow Year 13 students to leave site once they have finished any lessons and timetabled study periods for the day, as long as they are on track in each of their subjects areas and not required to attend extra intervention support sessions.

September testing and return arrangements for Year 13

The Department of Education is requiring all schools to do two LFT tests on-site in September. Testing is aimed at quickly identifying those individuals that carry the virus (who may well be asymptomatic). Swift identification means people can take the necessary steps to isolate themselves and hopefully slow transmission of the virus.

Most of you will already have been engaged in twice weekly covid testing at home since schools returned in March 2021. As such, students are very familiar with the process of self swabbing. Therefore, they will be taking their first LFT test in the Sports Hall in a fully supported and supervised environment and their second LFT test under the supervision of their tutor in tutorial rooms (when they will be given their home testing kit). Home testing will then continue twice a week until the end of September (when it will be reviewed by the DfE). All home test results **must** be reported to NHS Test and Trace (as they are taking over close contact tracing from schools after the end of term).

Results of the onsite tests will this time be available in 15 minutes. Due to the numbers of students involved, the school is unable to communicate the results of negative tests to parents. Parents will, however, be contacted **immediately** in the event of a positive test and asked to collect their child from school. Parents will be responsible for arranging the subsequent PCR test, which will confirm or deny the diagnosis. Children must self isolate immediately if they test positive on a lateral flow test. A child that subsequently tests negative on a PCR test, and who does **NOT** have any covid symptoms will be invited straight back into school and is not required to serve a 10 day isolation.

Please ensure that we have up to date contact details and inform us of any changes.

The schedule for return and testing is as follows:

Wednesday 8th September (testing in the Sports Hall):

Come in for the first supervised Lateral Flow test in the Sports Hall and **go straight home afterwards.**

08:00 - 13C

08:20 - 13F

08:40 - 13G

09:00 - 13H

09:20 - 13M

09:40 - 13W

Thursday 9th September:

Attend school for the first full day of lessons with tutorial time starting at 08:30

Friday 10th September:

Normal school day. Arrive at 08:30 for tutorial

Monday 13th September 08:30- 09:15 (testing in tutorial rooms):

13C, 13F, 13G, 13H, 13M, 13W

Attend as normal at 8:30am. Tutors supervise them taking a 2nd LFT in tutorial. **Go to normal timetabled lessons straight afterwards** at 09:15

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