

Following yesterday's Government announcement, I am writing to confirm that Years 11, 12 and 13 students will now return to school on Monday 11th January 2021 following the Christmas break. Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 will return on Monday 18th January 2021.

During the first week of term, from Monday 4th January 2021, we will be planning and preparing to carry out mass testing for staff and students in line with government guidelines. We will only be open to students who meet the published criteria for vulnerable students or for students whose parents are key workers - only where alternative childcare arrangements are not possible. We expect this, in the main, to be lower school students. Please ensure that you register your intention to send your child in on 4th January by completing the **attached form**.

Examples of these key workers include NHS staff, police, teachers and delivery drivers who need to be able to go to work. Vulnerable children include those who have a social worker and those with educational health and care plans.

We are continuing to review and monitor the guidance and situation regarding mass testing. We will issue details and guidance of the mass testing programme after 4th January 2021.

All those students not in school for the week commencing 4th January will be expected to access their learning remotely via Google Classroom and school email until they return either on the 11th or 18th January 2021.

All student online learning will be guided by the **virtual timetable**. This timetable outlines for parents and students at which times teachers will set work and be available for support via Google Classroom. Students are encouraged to make best use of the support available by contacting their teachers directly with questions at these times.

Those students who are entered for external examinations in the week commencing 11th January will be supported remotely in their revision by specialist staff as these exams are still set to take place at time of writing. Further details will be shared with those students affected.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school from the 4th January if you have any questions or need further information.

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