

7 January 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

It has been lovely to welcome back the students and begin a new term with focus and purpose. Despite the ever-changing picture of the pandemic, students have adapted to wearing masks again very quickly and the morning line-up means that we are able to have a much more focused start to the new tutor time routines.

Covid testing of the school community went well and we still have very low Covid rates in the student population (11 students). Please continue to ask your children to test twice a week and follow the government guidelines for isolation which can be found here : [When to self-isolate and what to do - Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#). We have more kits on order and we will pass them to students as soon as we receive them. With ventilated rooms, students can of course wear coats in lessons when it is cold.

On Monday, the new revision programme for Year 11 will begin and students will be silently working every morning on revision tasks set by all their subject teachers. The Reading Programme for Years 7 - 10 also begins as part of our long-term plan to improve literacy and reading levels. This is a very structured model where the teacher reads aloud to the group whilst students follow in their books with a bookmark. As the book is read, the teacher unpicks the vocabulary and decodes the text to model how a student would do this themselves or in an examination. The books we have chosen are exciting, diverse and provide opportunities for students to engage with a range of fiction and non-fiction. See below for a small selection of the types of books we have selected.

In response to student voice, from Monday January 10 we will swap the lunchtime areas so that:

Year 7 and 8 will use D2. (Year 7 to leave lessons at 1.30 pm)

Year 9, 10 11 will use the hall.

Key Dates:

10 and 13 January	Year 10 and 11 external examinations – Music, Sport, Creative iMedia and Health and Social Care
13 January	Year 10 Parents' Evening – virtual
20 January	Year 9 Options Evening – virtual
25 - 27 January	MFL Speaking and Listening PPEs
31 January	Year 11 Photographs
3 February	Year 9 Parents' Evening

Yours sincerely



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