



March 2021

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Dear Families,

## Students returning to the Academy – Year 11 Monday, 8 March 2021

As you will be aware from our recent communications, where we have families' consent, students will be tested for coronavirus on their return to the academy. Students will be tested three times in the first two weeks back at school, with tests 3-5 days apart. Following this, students will be required to test themselves at home twice per week.

The aim of these tests is to identify asymptomatic cases of coronavirus and therefore protect everybody within our academy and wider community.

### Key Information

We are staggering students' return to the academy – one tutor group at a time. The process for your **Year 11 child's return on Monday, 8 March** is as follows:

- Your child must enter the academy via the **main student gate on Wilson Road**.
- **Each tutor group has been allocated an arrival time. Please refer to the table below for this information.**
- Please be on time – not early or late. Your child should not attend with siblings or friends.
- Any student arriving at the wrong time will be directed to return home.
- Your child is to be in **full academy uniform** and wear a **face covering**. Face coverings are to be worn at all times when indoors on site, including during lessons, unless students are medically exempt.
- On completion of their first test, your child will be escorted to lessons to continue their day in the academy as normal.
- On their next school day, students will follow our normal academy start and finish times and should use the entrances and exits that they used in the autumn term. Subsequent tests will take place within school hours over the next two weeks.

**Your Year 11 child is due to return on Monday, 8 March 2021. Please check the table below to see what time they are due to arrive.**

Tutor Group	11B1	11B2	11C1	11C2	11K1	11K2	11T1	11T2
Arrival time	9.00am	9.20am	9.40am	10.10am	10.30am	10.50am	11.20am	11.40am

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In the event that a student tests positive for coronavirus, we will contact families so that their child can be collected from the academy. At this stage, you should contact the NHS and book a confirmatory PCR test. Please remember that the tests that we are using (LFDs – ‘Lateral Flow Devices’) are only for the purposes of identifying asymptomatic cases. **If your child is displaying symptoms of coronavirus, do not send them in to the academy and ensure that you follow government guidance around self-isolation.** If you have not yet provided your consent for your child to be tested, I would urge you to please do so.

Kind regards



Mr Irish  
Principal

WE **MUST** KEEP ON  
PROTECTING EACH OTHER



HANDS



FACE



SPACE



STAY ALERT TO  
THE SYMPTOMS

HIGH TEMPERATURE OR  
NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH OR  
LOSS OF TASTE OR SMELL?



FIND OUT HOW TO GET A TEST, AND HOW LONG TO ISOLATE AT:

[nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://nhs.uk/coronavirus)

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