

August 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

New Year Arrangements

We can now confirm our return to the Academy for September. As in our previous letter the Government have announced that all secondary age students must have 2 on site Covid-19 tests as part of their return to the Academy this will be a similar process to when we returned in March following the period of school closure. The reason to do this is to stop the spread of Covid-19 by identifying any students who may be asymptomatic, it is recognised that students will have been mixing with a wider group over the summer holidays so may be at more risk of infection. The way we will organise the testing is that all students who provide consent will have their first test before they return and their second test on site as they are in the Academy. the table below provides specific detail of your child's return to the Academy.

Year 8	
Tuesday 7th September	All students will return to the Academy at 2:00pm for their welcome back assembly– all students must attend. This will be followed for those students who have provided consent with the first student test. Students who do not provide consent will be dismissed following the assembly.
Wednesday 8th September	All students will then return to the Academy and should arrive for 8:27am.
Friday 10th September	For those students who have consented for testing this will be carried out throughout this day.

With the on-site testing we will only inform parents of test outcomes if they are positive and students have to leave site to isolate.

The following provides further updates on the start of the term.

1. Academy Day

Following the latest government guidance, we will be removing the bubble system which was in place last year. This means all year groups will be able to mix again this will allow us to remove the staggered start and finish to the day which were also in place last year. From September the following start and end of the day will be in place.

Start of Day	All students are expected to be in line up promptly at 8:27am
End of Day	All students will be dismissed from the Academy at 3:00pm

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Year groups will enter through different gates which will be explained to students during their welcome back assembly.

2. Uniform

We recognise that over the last 18 months that we had a number of issues with uniform related to Covid-19. From September all students are expected to wear uniform and PE kit in line with the Academy policy. Please see the enclosed guidance.

- **Blazers** – all students must wear the Academy blazer at all times.
- **Shoes** – these must be black leather smart non branded shoes. (Please refer to the guidance on should not be worn).
- **Rucksacks** – all students should use the Academy rucksack these are available for £10.00 from the Academy reception if the one provided by the Academy needs to be replaced. This must be brought to the Academy every day.
- **Equipment** – From September students during line up will be expected to show their learning wallet with full equipment as shown on the enclosed leaflet – further stationery will be available to buy from the Pastoral office each morning.
- **PE kit** – Students will return to changing for PE before lesson so will need to bring their PE kit on their PE day. this must be the full Academy PE kit. This year we have changed this to allow students to wear navy blue none branded tracksuit bottoms.

3. Attendance

Attendance for all students will be compulsory in September in line with the government guidance. This will be a whole Academy focus over the first few weeks to ensure all students develop the habits of good attendance, with our Academy target being 97%. To support with this please ensure where possible your child attends every day, this means organising appointments outside of the Academy Day and taking any holidays during Academy holiday periods. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Bellamy or your child's year group team at the Academy.

We are looking forward to welcoming all students back to the Academy for which we hope will be a much more settled year, where we can focus on ensuring students quickly settle back in and make good progress in their learning.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Pape'.

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UNIFORM

Trousers: must be black tailored school trousers. Not permitted: tight trousers, leggings, trousers with large buckles, jeans or zip pockets

Academy tie

Shirt: plain white buttoned shirt

Academy blazer



Shoes: must be plain black leather and low heeled. Not permitted: trainers, canvas shoes, boots, shoes with logos, open toe shoes

Socks/Tights: plain black / grey socks or plain black / grey tights

Skirt: must be plain black knee length, not tight. Not permitted: above knee length

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EQUIPMENT

Students are provided with textbooks and exercise books but they are expected to supply their own fully equipped pencil case and a bag in which to carry their books and equipment, PE kit when required and student planner. These items should be taken to all lessons.

**Being fully equipped for lessons
supports my learning!**

I MUST HAVE A PENCIL CASE CONTAINING:



2 black pens



2 purple pens

Pencils



Ruler



Rubber / Eraser

Sharpener



Highlighter



I MUST ALSO HAVE:



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