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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our weekly update to tell you what has been happening at the academy and what events are coming up in the near future.

Back to school:

We are delighted that we will be welcoming students back from the 8th March and are very much looking forward to seeing them in person and settling back down into school routines. The return arrangements are as follows:

All students, in year groups 7, 8, 10, 11, 12 and 13 who have consented to testing, will have been tested on Thursday 4th March and Friday 5th March. These year groups will be returning to full time face to face education from Monday 8th March

All students returning to school should line up on the front field in their allocated forms at the identified time. Teachers will be on the field to meet and greet students. We have to maintain social distancing from other year groups, so it is very important that you do not send your child until their allocated time.

There will be a short welcome assembly and then students will follow their timetable for the remainder of the day. Arrival times are as follows:

Year 12/13 – 8.50 am

Year 11 – 9.30 am

Year 7 – 10.10 am

Year 8 – 10.50 am

Year 10 – 11.30 am

Year Nine:

Year Nine students who have consented to testing will be tested on Monday 8th March and all Year Nine students will return to school on Tuesday 9th March.

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Year 9 students should arrive at school at their normal time. At 8.55 they need to go to the front of school and line up in their form. They will have a short welcome assembly in the hall before following their timetabled lessons for the remainder of the day.

ALL other year groups are to follow their timetabled lessons, 8.55 am – 3.05 pm.

School Arrangements:

To help reduce transmission, we continue to adopt a year group 'bubble' approach and have a risk assessment in place that is reviewed weekly. Each year group will remain in their allocated zones across the school where they will be taught most of their lessons and spend their lunchtime. Students will access specialist rooms to enable them to continue studying their existing subjects. The bubble approach, removes the need for students to socially distance from their year group peers.

Face coverings:

It will be a requirement that students wear a face covering in the classroom as well as in indoor communal spaces across the school site unless they are exempt for medical reasons. Students are required to wear a blue or black face covering, or medical mask. If you have difficulty obtaining a mask please ask your child to go to their appropriate Year Head.

Please, if possible, ensure that your son/daughter brings their essential equipment into school so that are ready to get back to learning. If they are missing any essential stationary equipment, year heads have spare supplies which will be distributed on the gates in the morning., please ask.

Assessment 2021:

The Trust have continued to work with guidance set out by the government and we will be working collaboratively to ensure consistency in the awarding of grades and confidence in the accuracy of the final grade. We will give more information on how your child will be assessed once the assessment material has been published by the examination boards.

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Covid Testing:

Covid testing, for those who consented, has been taking place: this has run very smoothly and we would like to thank all parents and students for their cooperation with this. I would also like to express my thanks to many of our staff who have had to adapt and train so that they could assist in the running of the testing station. The students who have attended for testing have been a credit to the academy, social distancing, being courteous and self-testing with great maturity – so a huge well done to all of them.

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Lock down Learners:

Hopefully this week it will be the last ever 'lockdown' learners, but well done to all of them and to all our students who have engaged with online learning throughout this lockdown.

Careers Week:

Hopefully, your son/daughter will have taken to opportunity to look at the virtual careers event that was broadcast through the academy for National Careers Week.

World Book Day: The Masked Reader

Students have had great fun this week watching the clips of the masked readers and attempting to guess who the readers. Well done to all who guessed before the final reveal! We look forward to having many more of these types of events.

On a final note, we would like to thank you for all your support, the kind words and small gestures of support have meant a lot to us all as we have worked to support you through this lockdown. We are looking forward to next week and seeing our students back in classrooms with us.

As always, if there is anything you need to contact us about, please do not hesitate.

Kind Regards

Mrs Heather McClurg (Principal)

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