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Dear Parents / Carers,

As I write, we are busy celebrating outstanding A Level, BTEC and GCSE results, achieved by our wonderful students, during an incredibly challenging year. As Headteacher, I am absolutely thrilled.

At GCSE, just under three quarters of our cohort achieved grades 9 to 5 including English and Maths, an incredible achievement considering the level of disruption our students have faced. At the 9-4 threshold, 87% achieved passes including English and Maths. Our Progress 8 score was +0.81, which means that, on average, students achieved almost a whole grade higher in their subjects, compared to students across the country with similar prior attainment data. These results are very well deserved, following months of dedication by students and staff alike.

At A Level, 40% of grades were at A/A* and 68% at A*- B, along with 86% of D*- D (Distinction) grades at BTEC. These results are a testament to the incredible amount of hard work that students and their teachers have put in this year.

I would encourage you to visit our [website](#) to read more about our successes.

Return to school in September – please read carefully.

As I explained in July, the Government has announced that schools need to undertake Covid testing for students at the beginning of the year. No further consent for testing will be required as we have already obtained this. If you did not give consent for your child to be tested, you do not need to let us know again, as we already have this in our records. **Please see the schedule on the next page for details of when your child should attend school for testing** and when their first full day in school will begin.

Currently, the Government has announced that Covid restrictions will be lifted in schools as of September and that there will no longer be a requirement to operate in bubbles. This means that we will be able to revert to normal start and finish times for students, **so we will expect all students to be in school at 8:30am every day**. If there are any changes announced by the Government, I will let you know immediately.

Please note that the first full day for students in years 8,9,10 and 11 is Monday 6th September, apart from Year 7, 12 and 13 who have separate arrangements detailed in the table on the next page.

Best Wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Pye'.

Mrs M Pye
Headteacher

Date	Arrival Time	Tutor Groups	Notes
Tuesday 31st August – Year 13 Covid Tests	12.00pm	13A, 13B, 13C	Students should come in for Covid testing and then go straight home again. All Year 13 students should then return to school on Friday 3rd September for a 9am assembly.
	1.30pm	13D, 13E, 13F	
	2.15pm	13G, 13H	
	3.00pm	13K, 13N, 13Y	
Wednesday 1st Sept – Year 11 and Year 8 Covid Tests	9.30am	11G1, 11G2, 11G3	Students should come in for Covid testing and then go straight home again.
	10.00am	11M1, 11M2, 11M3, 11M4	
	10.30am	11T1, 11T2, 11T3	
	11.00am	11W1, 11W2, 11W3, 11W4	
	1.45pm	8G1, 8G2, 8G3	
	2.15pm	8M1, 8M2, 8M3	
	2.45pm	8T1, 8T2, 8T3	
	3.15pm	8W1, 8W2, 8W3	
Thursday 2nd Sept – Year 10 and Year 12 Covid tests	8.30am	10G1, 10G2, 10G3	Students should come in for Covid testing and then go straight home again.
	8:50am	All Year 12 students	Testing will begin following an assembly at 9am in the hall. Students will also be expected to be in school on Friday 3rd September. Details about this will be given in the assembly on 2nd September.
	9.00am	10M1, 10M2, 10M3, 10M4	Students should come in for Covid testing and then go straight home again.
	2.00pm	10T1, 10T2, 10T3	
	2.30pm	10W1, 10W2, 10W3, 10W4	
Friday 3rd Sept – Year 7 and Year 9 Covid tests	8.30am	All Year 7 students	Students will be tested at various point in the day as part of their induction day.
	8:30am	9G1, 9G2	Students should come in for Covid testing and then go straight home again.
	9.30am	9G3, 9M1	
	11.30am	9M2, 9M3	
	12.30pm	9T1, 9T2	
	2.00pm	9T3, 9W1	
	3.00pm	9W2, 9W3	