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Dear Parents / Carers,

I am writing to remind you about the return to school details. Please read through the information below.

Covid Testing at start of term

As per Government guidance, we will be testing students using lateral flow tests on their return to school. This is an important measure to ensure that students can return to school safely, and we would encourage all students to come in for testing.

To avoid further disruption to your child's education, we have decided to begin testing early, before the start of term. Therefore, it is important that you check the time that your child needs to come into school carefully, in the table on the next page.

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, please do not send them into school for testing; keep them at home until the start of term.

All students should arrive at school via the Lady Margaret Road gate for testing, apart from Year 7, who will come in via the Allenby Road gate for their induction day on Friday.

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

Year 7 Induction Day - Friday 3rd September

New Year 7 students should arrive at the Allenby Road gate by 8:20 for an 8:30am start. Students should wear full school uniform. Please remind your child of which tutor group he/she is in (this was detailed in an email from Ms Quigley in July), as students will be operating in these tutor groups during the day.

Easing of Covid Measures in Schools from September

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, on time, every day.
- Students in Years 8,9,10,11, 12 and 13 will be able to come into school via the gate of their choice either Lady Margaret Road or Ruislip Road. Year 7 students should enter school via the Allenby Road gate.
- Students under the age of 18 years and 6 months are no longer required to self-isolate if they have come into close contact with another person who has tested positive for Covid-19. However, students should self-isolate if they develop any symptoms of Covid-19, and I would urge

you to exercise caution if your child is unwell. Please do not send your child in if he/she has any symptoms of Covid-19, and please let us know.

- Schools are no longer responsible for tracking and tracing students who have been in contact with positive Covid cases. Responsibility for this now lies with NHS Track and Trace. This means that we will only send those home who are showing symptoms of COVID-19, and will not send students home if they have been in contact with another child who has tested positive.
- As we can use the changing rooms in September, students should not come into school dressed in their PE kit; they should bring it with them on the days that they have PE.
- The dining hall will be open as normal.

Uniform and PE Kit

Please note that we expect all students to be in full, correct uniform at the beginning of September, so please make sure that you stock up on any missing items. **Students will also be expected to bring full PE uniform, which should include GHS bottoms, not unbranded alternatives,** on the days that they are doing PE. If you have any uniform that you are able to donate, particularly if your child is in Year 8, moving up to Year 9 and therefore wearing the new blazer, please do bring this in and mark it for the attention of your child's Head of Year.

Show my Homework

From September we are going to start using **Show My Homework** to set homework for our students. **Show My Homework** is an online platform that links to an app which can be downloaded onto your phone. This means that both students and parents can use their phones to check exactly what homework has been set, when the deadlines are and what has been completed. More information will be given to parents after term begins.

I am very much looking forward to working with you and your children again from September, in what I hope will be another successful year, and I thank you for your ongoing support.

With my very best wishes,

Mrs M Pye Headteacher

<u>Date</u>	<u>Arrival</u> <u>Time</u>	<u>Tutor Groups</u>	<u>Notes</u>
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. Arrive via Lady Margaret Rd gate
	1.30pm	13D, 13E, 13F	
	2.15pm	13G, 13H	
	3.00pm	13K, 13N, 13Y	
Wednesday 1st Sept – Year 11 and	9.30am	11G1, 11G2, 11G3	Students should come in for Covid testing and then go straight home again.
	10.00am	11M1, 11M2, 11M3, 11M4	Arrive via Lady Margaret Rd gate

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Year 8 Covid Tests	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
			Arrive via Lady Margaret Rd gate
	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.
			Arrive via Lady Margaret Rd gate
	9.00am	10M1, 10M2, 10M3, 10M4	Students should come in for Covid testing and then go straight home again.
	2.00pm	10T1, 10T2, 10T3	Arrive via Lady Margaret Rd gate
	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.
			Arrive via Allenby Rd gate
	8:30am	9G1, 9G2	Students should come in for Covid testing and then go straight home again.
	9.30am	9G3, 9M1	Arrive via Lady Margaret Rd gate
	11.30am	9M2, 9M3	
	12.30pm	9T1, 9T2	
	2.00pm	9T3, 9W1	
	3.00pm	9W2, 9W3	