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Dear Parent/ Carer

September return to school for all students

Thank you for your continued support through what has been a challenging year. New government announcements have been made over the past few days regarding changes to the way schools can operate from September.

Following guidance published by the Department for Education on Monday 5th July, we have had to make some adjustments to the dates and times students return to school at the start of September. As the new academic year begins all secondary schools are being asked to undertake two lateral flow tests with students; one on students first day back at school and the other 3-5 days later. To help with this process Year groups will begin a gradual phased return to school in September to allow us to undertake the asymptomatic testing of all students and staff before teaching can fully safely begin.

Please note the following important changes:

Year Group	Start Back to School Date	Start Time
Year 7	Friday 3 rd September	All to return in full school uniform. No PE kit needed until Wednesday 8 th Sept <i>All Year 7 Students return – 8.40am - via Main Entrance</i> Students will follow a special timetable to welcome Year 7 students to Tile Cross. Asymptomatic testing will take place throughout the day.
Year 8 & Year 11	Monday 6 th September	All to return in full school uniform. No PE kit needed until Wednesday 8 th Sept <i>All Year 7 Students continue to attend – 8.40am - via Main Entrance</i> <i>All Year 11 Students return – 9.00am - via Sports Hall Gate</i> <i>All Year 8 Students return – 9.00am - via Sports Hall Gate</i> Students will spend time with tutors in the morning to discover details about the start of term. Asymptomatic testing will take place during morning sessions.
Year 9 & Year 10	Tuesday 7 th September	All to return in full school uniform. No PE kit needed until Wednesday 8 th Sept <i>All Year 7 Students continue to attend – 8.40am - via Main Entrance</i> <i>All Year 8 Students continue to attend – 8.40am - via Main Entrance</i> <i>All Year 11 Students continue to attend – 8.40am - via Main Entrance</i> <i>All Year 9 Students return – 9.00am - via Sports Hall Gate</i> <i>All Year 10 Students return – 9.00am - via Sports Hall Gate</i> Students will spend time with tutors in the morning to discover details about the start of term. Asymptomatic testing will take place during morning sessions.
All Year Groups	Wednesday 8 th September	All to return in full school uniform. No PE kit needed until Wednesday 8 th Sept <i>All Year Groups continue to attend – 8.40am - via Main Entrance</i> Students will follow normal timetables from this day. Please pack bags the night before and all students must ensure they are fully prepared for learning.

From September we are hoping our school will begin to operate as we did before the pandemic began. This will mean lots of changes for students and parents to take on board as the new term begins. We are currently finalising all our plans and hope to have final arrangements with you by the end of the summer holidays. Please keep a close look out for this important information as it arrives.

We recognise it will take some adjusting to for both staff and students as we ease back into normal structures and routines but believe by working together we can make this process as smooth as possible. I understand that some students will feel overwhelmed or anxious as we move away from Covid restrictions and our teachers and support staff will be able to provide care and guidance during this transition period.

May I take this opportunity to thank you all for your support over the past few months. We look forward to seeing our whole school community again as the new academic year begins in September.

Yours sincerely

Mr Paul Marano – Headteacher

