

4th January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year! I do hope that you and your families have enjoyed a restful break.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming everybody back to school this week and starting the new term. You will be aware that the government have mandated that secondary school students wear face coverings in classrooms until further notice. We will be supporting this measure and ask that you provide your child with sufficient face coverings for each day.

We will be continuing our protective measures to reduce transmission when everyone is in school. These include hand sanitising at every opportunity, tissues to catch coughs and sneezes, designated areas for each year group during breaks and lunch, ensuring classroom doors and windows are open for good ventilation and enforcing our one way system in our larger buildings and narrower corridors. Students will be reminded in assemblies and tutor time of these measures but I would be grateful if you could reinforce the importance of keeping everyone safe at home as well.

Please remember that students may wear a plain black V neck jumper under their blazers if they need extra clothing. We recommend they have an outdoor coat as we will be encouraging students to spend social time outdoors, when the weather is appropriate. As you know, hoodies are not part of our uniform and will be confiscated if worn.

For ease, please find below a reminder of when your child's year group is due in school:

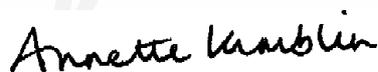
The arrangements for years 10 and 11 are that your child should come into school at the normal time on Wednesday 5th January. They will then go straight to the gym for testing, provided the consent form has been completed. Once the test is complete they will then attend their normal lessons. Those who have not consented will go straight to lessons.

We continue to monitor the levels of COVID. Currently 6 members of teaching staff and 2 members of support staff are self isolating and have been unable to return from the holidays. We have booked supply teachers to cover absent colleagues and will do our best to ensure the continuity of our curriculum as we head into what could be a challenging period. I have every confidence that our students will show the true Light Hall spirit and face any challenges this term with great resilience.

Those year 11s who are taking public exams, next week, in Child Development, iMedia and Sports Science (Cambridge Nationals) are to be reassured that these exams will go ahead as planned.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact us on 0121 744 3835. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



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