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30th August 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to remind you of the start of term arrangements for Year 13 students.

I hope all families have had a relaxing and enjoyable summer break and we look forward to welcoming back our students into Year 13.

Start of Term Arrangements: September 2021

The start of the term for Year 13 is Monday 6th September. Year 13 students are expected at 11.45am for a start of year assembly and to collect timetables. Please ensure your child arrives to school on time. Lessons for Sixth Form will start on Tuesday 7th September.

Current government guidance is for students to be tested in school twice at the start of term, with the first test no sooner than 3 school days prior to the start of term. Full details have been provided in a separate letter from Mr Newman.

Vaccinations for young people aged 16-17

Young people aged 16 and 17 have been invited by the NHS to receive a COVID-19 vaccination, ideally **before** the start of the autumn term, to help avoid the illness and disruption that COVID can cause. The good news is that in Hertfordshire, nearly 40% of 16 and 17-year-olds have already been vaccinated.

All of Hertfordshire's larger vaccination centres are operating 'walk-in' vaccination services for young people. No appointment is necessary and 16 and 17-year-olds do not need the consent of their parents or guardians to have the vaccine. They are welcome to bring a parent, carer or friend along with them to get their vaccine if they'd like to. To find a local vaccination clinic in Hertfordshire, young people and their parents should check this website, which is regularly updated: <u>https://covid.healthierfuture.org.uk</u>.

Families that are on holiday in England and who would like to get their vaccinations while they are away from home can check the national 'grab a jab' website to find the nearest vaccination centre to where they are staying, here: <u>Search - Find a walk-in coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccination site (www.nhs.uk)</u>

Welcome and Key to Success Evening for Year 13

I would like to remind you of the planned **Welcome and Key to Success Evening for Year 13**, which will be held either virtually or at the school (tbc) on Tuesday 14th September. The meeting will give parents and carers a chance to be clear about plans and expectation for Year 13 and meet the Sixth Form team. There is no need to book a place at the meeting, but we would be delighted to see you there. Students are not required to attend the meeting.

Structure of the School Day for 2021/22

From September, schools are no longer required to operate in year group bubbles or have staggered start/finish times to the school day. Our school day will be adjusted accordingly. We have kept some of the elements of the school day structure which were in place before 2020/21 (prior to the COVID-19 pandemic) and include some elements which have been beneficial during this academic year, specifically, the split lunchtime arrangements for different year groups.

Students must arrive at school in time for timetabled lessons. Sixth Form students have a separate entrance to school and we will confirm door opening times during the first assembly.



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8.30am	Sixth Form Centre opens
9.05am-10.05am	Period 1
10.05am-11.05am	Period 2
11.05am-11.25am	Break
11.25am-12.25pm	Period 3
12.25pm-2.00pm	Period 4 & Lunch (lunch will take place at 1.25pm-2.00pm for Year 12 and 13
2.00pm-3.00pm	Period 5
3.00pm-4.00pm	Period 6 (some sixth form classes on Mondays only)

Yours faithfully

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