

18th December 2020

January Restart Letter

Dear Parents and Carers,

First of all, please can I wish you all a very merry Christmas. It has been a truly unique term and I would like to thank you, the students and the staff for all the support and kind words we have received.

January Restart

If I could just give you some information about what will happen in January. To be honest, at this moment, I know no more than anyone who watches the BBC News. I am hoping for further information over the next few weeks. What I do know is this:

Monday 4th January remains the calendared INSET day. School will not be open and there will be no online teaching.

From **Tuesday 5th January**, Year 11 will return to school and will start classroom lessons again. The other years will remain at home.

For the year groups remaining at home, we will swap to a full online teaching timetable. All lessons will be delivered via Teams at the same time as they would on the actual timetable. The lessons can be accessed in a number of ways including via the Teams Calendar. The lessons will be made up of a period of teacher input lasting up to 30 minutes followed by time for the students to finish any activity that has been set and prepare for the next lesson. Students who are present for all lessons in the day will be marked present. Students who do not attend will be marked as having unauthorised absence unless we are alerted to the reason for their absence. If you have any issues with accessing Teams lessons, please contact the school and we will try to help with the limited resources we have remaining.

Years 7 to 10 will have a staggered return to school over a period of time, as soon as the in-school testing is up and running. We have some guidance over what this will look like and will aim to implement it as soon as possible however I believe the most likely hold up will be the delivery of all the equipment we need to start testing.



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Positive tests in the next two days

Please can I also remind you that I have a responsibility to deal with any positive tests from our students who develop symptoms between now and Sunday and then subsequently test positive (if they have been in school).

If this happens, you will need to contact me and leave a message on the main school telephone number (not the Apple Link App as previously stated). I have a responsibility to check these emails between 8am and 10am every morning up to and including Christmas Eve.

I look forward to welcoming all our students back in the new year.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alan Chipping', with a horizontal line underneath.

Mr Alan Chipping
Headteacher