



Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you and your family have been enjoying the summer break.

In preparation for next month, I am writing with details about your child's return to school. Having successfully minimised the effect of the pandemic on our community and students' learning during the last academic year, our aim is to keep our community as safe as possible so that our students can benefit from the reintroduction of a full complement of learning opportunities both inside the classroom and outside of it.

### Mass Testing & staggered start

The Government has directed schools to test each child twice upon their return in September (LFD testing as last year). As mentioned in my letter of 21<sup>st</sup> July, this will mean the start of the year will be slightly different than was originally planned. The table outlines timings for the first week for all year groups except Year 7. Timings for Year 7 students are explained separately.

#### Test 1

All students will need to come in for their first test and then will go home directly. Students should arrive in full school uniform at the times and days listed below. Students will be met at the back gate in the park and once tested students will be dismissed home via the aspire car park on the Merton Road.

	<b>Test 1 &amp; Go home</b>	<b>Induction</b>	<b>Start of lessons &amp; Test 2</b>
<b>Year 8</b>	<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September</b> Arrive 9.30am – 10.00am Approximate departure 10.45am-11.45am	<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September</b> Arrive 12.00pm-12.30pm Depart 3.00pm	<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September</b> Arrive 8.00am-8.20am Lessons Depart 3.00pm <b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September</b> Arrive 8.00am-8.20am Lessons & Test 2 Depart 2.00pm
<b>Year 9</b>	<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September</b> Arrive 12.30pm–1.00pm Approximate departure 1.45pm-2.45pm	<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September</b> Arrive 1.00pm-1.30pm Depart 3.30pm	<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September</b> Arrive 8.00am-8.20am Lessons Depart 3.00pm <b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September</b> Arrive 8.00am-8.20am Lessons & Test 2 Depart 1.30pm
<b>Year 10</b>	<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September</b> Arrive 1.00pm-1.30pm Approximate departure 2.15pm-3.15pm	<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September</b> Arrive 12.00pm-12.30pm Depart 3.00pm	<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September</b> Arrive 8.00am-8.20am Lessons Depart 12.30pm <b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September</b> Arrive 8.00am-8.20am Lessons & Test 2 Depart 1.00pm <b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September</b> Arrive 8.00am-8.20am Lessons Depart 3.00pm
<b>Year 11</b>	<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September</b> Arrive 10.00am-10.30am Approximate departure 11.15am-12.15pm	<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September</b> Arrive 8.00am-8.20am Depart 11.00am	<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September</b> Arrive 8.00am-8.20am Lessons Depart 12.30pm <b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September</b> Arrive 8.00am-8.20am Lessons & Test 2 Depart 1.40pm <b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September</b> Arrive 8.00am-8.20am Lessons Depart 3.00pm

	<b>Test 1 &amp; Go home</b>	<b>Induction</b>	<b>Start of lessons &amp; Test 2</b>
<b>Year12</b>	<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September</b> Arrive 11.30am-12.00pm Approximate departure 12.45pm-1.45pm	<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September</b> Arrive 9.00am-9.30am Depart 12.00pm	<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September</b> Arrive 8.00am-8.20am Lessons & Test 2 Depart 1.00pm <b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September</b> Arrive 8.00am-8.20am Lessons Depart 3.00pm <b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September</b> Arrive 8.00am-8.20am Lessons Depart 3.00pm
<b>Year 13</b>	<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September</b> Arrive 8.00am-8.30am Approximate departure 9.15am-10.15am	<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September</b> Arrive 11.30am-12.00pm Depart 2.30pm	<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September</b> Arrive 8.00am-8.20am Lessons Depart 12.30pm <b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September</b> Arrive 8.00am-8.20am Lessons & Test 2 Depart 3.00pm <b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September</b> Arrive 8.00am-8.20am Lessons Depart 3.00pm
<b>International Group</b>	<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September</b> Arrive 11.30am-12.00pm Approximate departure 12.45pm-1.45pm	<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September</b> Arrive 8.00am-8.20am Depart 11.00am	<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September</b> Arrive 8.00am-8.20am Lessons Depart 3.00pm <b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September</b> Arrive 8.00am-8.20am Lessons & Test 2 Depart 3.00pm

Parents who have already consented to their child to being tested will not need to give further consent. For those who have not, please [complete an online consent form here](#).

### Induction

As we will be returning to a revised school day from September and will no longer have staggered starts, we will be holding an induction session for each year group, as many students have not experienced a normal Academy day since being here and others will have forgotten it. This session will familiarise your child with the new routines of the Academy and remind them of Academy timings and expectations. Students should arrive in full school uniform at the back gate in the park, the session will last approximately 2.5 hours without a break or dining.

### Start of lessons

Lessons will commence for each year group after their **Induction day**. Due to the requirement of a second LFD test the going home times for each year group will vary according to the table above. On their first day of lessons students will have the opportunity to buy food and drink during their break. From Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021 the new normal school day will operate with students having two breaks and the opportunity to buy hot food during one of the breaks and cold food in the other break.

### Year 7 September start:

As new starters students in Year 7 will need more induction time. Students in Year 7 are expected to attend in full school uniform on the days and times listed below. On these days they will have their LFD tests (please be sure to complete the consent form in the link above) and a full induction prior to commencing lessons.

<b>Year 7 Daily arrangements</b>	<b>Arrival at back gate in King George's Park</b>	<b>Departure via back gate at King George's Park</b>
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September</b>	8.00am-8.30am	12.15pm
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September</b>	8.00am-8.20am	12.15pm
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September</b>	8.00am-8.20am	12.15pm
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September</b>	8.00am-8.20am	12.30pm
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September</b>	8.00am-8.20am	3.00pm
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September</b>	8.00am-8.20am	3.00pm
<b>From Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September onwards</b>	7.45am-8.15am	3.00pm

### **Times of the Day**

From Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September the school day timings will be as follows:

**Arrival** at back gate between **7.45am and 8.15am**

**End of school** day at **3.00pm**

The detail of lesson times and breaktimes will be shared with students during induction and then with parents in my next letter. A programme of extra-curricular activities, boosters and restoration activities will begin to take place after school from 13<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Restrictions**

The DfE have issued new guidance around Covid safety measures in schools. Currently the advice is still subject to change as they monitor infection rates. We will be adopting the new guidance in September 2021. This means that from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September we will no longer have staggered starts and ends to the school day. However, given the ventilation requirements, students will be outdoors during morning arrival and at break times (except in wet weather) unless it is their turn to dine indoors. Face coverings do not have to be worn indoors but we advise that students and staff wear them in crowded indoor spaces and if individuals wish to wear face coverings they can do so.

A full set of protocols will be shared with students on induction and with parents on our website at the start of term.

If there are any changes to our operation as a result of new restrictions being introduced after this letter and before the start of term, I will write to you with the details.

### **Uniform**

A reminder that all students are expected to be in correct uniform and properly equipped when they return. Please see our uniform page for further details and how to order uniform.

Yours sincerely,



Wanda Golinska  
Headteacher