

19th March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a great pleasure to see the vast majority of our students back at the Academy this week. They have quickly adapted to being in the classroom again and are clearly enjoying reconnecting with the routines of school and their peers.

Arrangements for third and final covid tests in school – and distribution of testing kits

Our testing programme has continued and we will send testing kits home with students when they have had their third and final test at school.

Below is the schedule for the remaining Lateral Flow tests to be carried out next week.

Testing will not be available at school after these tests have been completed. **If your child has any symptoms, please keep them at home.**

Monday 22nd March	Year 7 have their third test during the school day. Home test kits will be given out in afternoon registration.
	International Group students have their third test at the end of the school day and go home immediately. Home test kits will be given out by the tutor.
Tuesday 23rd March	Year 8 have their third test during the school day. Home test kits will be given out in afternoon registration.
	Year 9 have their third test during the school day. Home test kits will be given out in afternoon registration.

It is important for students to undergo a test twice weekly to keep your family and our community safe. Students are well equipped to manage testing at home, not only because they have been testing themselves at school but because they have also had a science lesson which focused on how to test at home using the kits.

There are full instructions inside the kit but if your child requires further support, this video explains how to test at home <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9XR8RZxKNo>

Please note the home testing kits are for **students only**. Families of students are encouraged to test as well but should arrange a test via:

- An employer, if they offer testing to employees
- at a local test site [Find your nearest rapid lateral flow test site](#)
- by collecting a home test kit from a test site [Find your nearest home test kit collection point](#)
- by ordering a home test kit online [Order rapid lateral flow home test kits](#)

If your child is absent on their year group's distribution day, they can pick up a testing kit from their tutor until Friday 26th March.

INSET Day

The final day for students this term will be Wednesday 31st March as the following day is an INSET day for staff only.

Wishing you and your family a restful weekend.

Yours sincerely



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