



## Weekly Newsletter      September 3rd 2021

### Welcome Back

Welcome to the first newsletter of the academic year 2021-22. I would like, especially, to extend the warmest possible welcome to those parents who are new to our school. Please be assured that we will do all that we can to provide your children with a safe, enjoyable and rewarding school life. I sincerely hope that you all managed to have an enjoyable and relaxing summer and are, like us, looking forward to a school year and an educational experience which gets us closer to pre-covid normality. The virus has, of course, not gone away and we will keep some of our covid protocols in place for the year to come in order to reduce the possibility of transmission. I will say more about this later in the newsletter.

### Return to School

Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	INSET day
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	INSET day
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Year 7 induction</b> – Lower School (p 1-5) Arrive in time for 8.40 start. <b>Year 10 induction</b> – Upper School (p 2-5) Arrive in time for 9.55 start. <b>Year 12 registration</b> – Upper School (9.00 – 12.00)
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Years 7-13</b> all day (P1 – form rooms; P2-5 timetabled lessons)

## 6th form registration

A reminder that information relating to year 12 registration and course allocation was emailed to students on results day. Students who achieved the overall entry requirements the 6th form and for the subjects that they have registered to follow have been accepted into the 6th form and onto their chosen courses. We are currently preparing their timetables and these can be viewed on the sims student app from Tuesday 7th September, ready for their start on Wednesday 8th.

Any students who did not achieve the entry requirement/s for one or more of the subjects they wish to follow will need to come to the 6th form common room during their allocated time slot below on Tuesday 7th September, so that we can discuss course allocations with them:

Surname:

A-F: 9.00am

M-R: 10.30am

G-L: 9.45am

S-Z: 11.15am

Lessons will begin period 2 on Wednesday morning, with an induction period 1. The induction will be in their allocated form room, this will be the same as is shown on their timetable (in the SIMS student app) for Monday period 4 each week.

## Key Covid Messages

- If your child presents any of the main covid symptoms (new and persistent cough; high temperature; loss/change of sense of taste and/or smell) then they **MUST NOT** attend school. Please inform the school, arrange a PCR test and await results and TTP guidance.
- Close contacts who have been fully vaccinated or **are under 18** will not need to self-isolate but should get PCR tested on Day 2 and Day 8.
- Household contacts are **strongly advised** to self-isolate.
- Guidance and direction will now come from TTP rather than the school.
- Please use Lateral Flow Tests twice a week. It is recommended that pupils test themselves on the morning of their first day back.

We have test kits in school which we will make available for distribution on the return to school. Tests can also be ordered through the community collect, direct or pharmacy collect routes before the start of term. Further details provided below with relevant links:

### Test Sites and Community Collection Points

Lateral Flow test kits can be collected from local test sites, and some community collection points. Locations, opening times can be found here:

[Get rapid lateral flow COVID-19 tests if you do not have symptoms | GOV.WALES](#)

### Home Delivery

Kits can also be ordered online for home delivery. Details of how to order for home delivery can be found here:

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**If you are uncertain of anything in respect of the above then please do not hesitate to contact the school for advice/guidance.**

**Please only attend the school site if you have a prior appointment.**

### **Around the school**

- The wearing of face masks/coverings is now optional but recommended in communal areas.
- One-way systems and pre-lesson arrangements (queueing outside blocks) will remain in place.
- Staggered lunch breaks will remain.
- Seating plans will remain but for KS3&4 only.
- Hand sanitisation protocols at start and end of lessons will remain.
- No year group assemblies or mid-morning canteen openings for the time being.
- 6th form students should come in for lessons only.

These arrangements may change during the year/term if local covid circumstances change.

### **General**

- An optional uniform for Sixth Form students is now in stock in YC sports. The branded T-shirts are £7 and the branded sweatshirts are £11.

Kind regards,



Mark Powell