

23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you were able to have a good half term.

### **Re-opening of school from the 8<sup>th</sup> March**

As you will have seen in the news yesterday, schools are due to begin re-opening on the 8<sup>th</sup> March. We are looking forward to being able to welcome the students back to school. For the next two weeks we will continue to provide remote learning as we have done over the first half term.

In welcoming students back to school we will be implementing the safety procedures we had in place in the autumn term as well as ensuring any updated guidance is taken into consideration. At the moment this relates mainly to use of face coverings in all indoor spaces where social distancing cannot be maintained. I will update you with our processes and any specific actions we will be taking in line with the updated guidance later this week.

You will have also seen, the Government is expecting schools to test students using lateral flow devices before they return and have stated there will be a phased return to enable this to happen. The Government are still updating the guidance on the requirements for testing, but we are looking at the feasibility of arranging a first test next week, so students could have parental support for their first test if required and be able to return fully on the 8<sup>th</sup> March. We would then plan to have any subsequent tests in school time. We are still waiting for clarification from the DFE as to whether this is possible and so we will inform you as to our plans later this week.

The Government are strongly advising students to have tests, however these are voluntary and so for us to conduct tests for students in school we will require parental permission. Thank you to all parents who have completed the online permission form, if you have not, and want your child to have lateral flow tests, please complete the form using this link. <https://forms.gle/DiSw1a39dRSyARNR9> If you could complete the form by midday on Thursday as it will allow us to plan effectively.

### **Road to the Euros**

Please ask your child to log any of his KM over the half term and this week in the final push for Baku. We have continued to make great progress over half term and so any final KM made this week will help house and year totals. A full update will be available on Friday. Keep it going everyone.

### **Critical Worker Students**

The school will continue to remain open for Critical worker students next week. If you need your son to attend next week please complete the following form so we can plan appropriate supervision through the week. <https://forms.gle/tNPwSk11Dsgn3S6U9> A reminder that there is no food provision in school and so students need to provide a packed lunch and snack. Please complete this form by midday Thursday so we can plan appropriately.

## COVID-19

The Government announced yesterday the changes that are to take place with the COVID restrictions. All information on COVID-19 can be found using this link. <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Ian Hawkins  
**Headteacher**

### February 2021 Calendar

Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Year 13 Parents Evening
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Extended Tutor Time

### March 2021 Calendar

Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 12 Parents Evening
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Extended Tutor Time
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Extended Tutor Time
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	End of term, school finishes at 12.30pm

### Weeks

23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Week 1
1 <sup>st</sup> March	Week 2
8 <sup>th</sup> March	Week 1
15 <sup>th</sup> March	Week 2
22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Week 1
12 <sup>th</sup> April	Week 2
19 <sup>th</sup> April	Week 1
26 <sup>th</sup> April	Week 2