

Hi everyone

I hope that you and your loved ones are keeping safe and well.

Yesterday evening the Prime Minister announced that schools and colleges will re-open to all students from **Monday 8th March**. This means that lessons will take place in the Sixth Form from this date. This lockdown has been difficult for everyone and we are really looking forward to seeing you all again.

To start with we will be following the blended learning timetable that was in place before Christmas. This means that you will come in to the Sixth Form for some of your lessons, with Remote Learning tasks and activities set for the rest of the week. You do not need to come in to Sixth Form for lessons which are marked 'RL'. You can check your timetable on Cedar. We will keep monitoring the national and local situation, and hope that we will be able to increase the amount of lessons in the building in a few weeks time.

We need to make sure that the building is safe for everyone, and this means that social distancing and hygiene measures will still be in place. We will also ask students to go home when they have finished their lessons for the day. You will still be able to book study slots in the Independent Learning Centre, but you should only do this on days when you have timetabled lessons.

The Government is also asking all staff and student to wear face covering in all areas, including classrooms, rather than just in social spaces and corridors.

As part of the plan for re-opening schools and colleges, the Government are encouraging students to take up the offer of COVID-19 tests. We will be offering tests to all students and further information about this will be sent out later today.

We understand that you may be anxious about the return to Sixth Form after such a long break. Please be assured that we are working hard to make sure that the building is safe, and that we put arrangements in place to help you to catch up with any work that you have missed. If you are worried about anything, please contact your Academic Tutor or one of your Teachers so that we can do our best to help.

With very best wishes

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