



Principal: Dr Katharine Vincent

Friday 23rd October 2020

Dear parent/carer,

Thank you for all your support for the school so far this term. I am extremely proud of the way in which students and staff have worked together to ensure that teaching, learning and pastoral care continues to be of the highest possible standard, despite all the challenges posed by the current situation.

Please note:

- **The school is now closed for the half term break.**
- **Students in all year groups will return to school on Monday 9th November at 8.40am.**
- **Intervention sessions will be running for Year 11 and Year 13 student during w/c 2nd November.**

Intervention week

Intervention sessions will be taking place during w/c Monday 2nd November for students in Year 11 and Year 12. Students have been given individual letters and timetables explaining which sessions they should attend. Please ensure you contact the school if your child is unable to attend one of their timetabled sessions – for safeguarding purposes, it is important that we know if students are not attending.

Mock exams

Mock exams will take place during November for Year 11 and Year 13 students. Please refer to the letter about mock exams which has been sent out by Ms Christofides for further guidance about this. Year 11 and Year 13 students are strongly encouraged to use the half term break to revise.

Covid 19

If your child has Covid symptoms and you have sent for a test or are waiting for test results, please do not send your child into school until they have received a negative test result. If they have had a continuous cough, high temperature or loss of taste and/or smell, they must not return to school until they have received a negative test result even if they are feeling better.

Please go on to our website for up to date advice and guidance from the Department for Education, Public Health England and the school <http://mulberryutc.org/coronavirus-covid-19-information/>



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A reminder about winter clothing

It is necessary for us to keep doors and windows within the school building open, to keep air flowing in order to help prevent the spread of the virus. As a result, it is likely that the school building will be colder than usual this winter. We are therefore relaxing our usual school uniform and dress code rules as follows:

- All students are allowed to wear coats inside the building, including inside classrooms.
- If Year 10 and Year 11 students are wearing coats, they must wear them over their blazers.
- If Sixth Form students are wearing coats, they must wear them over their shirts/sweaters/dresses.
- Students must not have the hoods of their coats up at any time within the school building and they must not wear hoodies, hats or caps within school.

Year 10 and Year 11 students may wear a grey v-neck jumper but must not wear hoodies or other non-school jumpers, either under or over their blazers. If any families are finding it difficult to provide appropriate warm winter clothing, please speak to the school about this so that we can support you.

Safety measures

The school is following all government guidance and has a range of safety measures in place to ensure that the risk of infection is minimised. This includes:

- Face-masks must be worn by all students and staff in all circulation spaces of the school at all times.
- Students and staff must remain 2 metres apart from each other where possible and, where this is not possible, they must remain at least 1 metre apart at all times.
- There is hand sanitiser available all over the school.
- Students and staff are required to regularly wash and sanitise their hands.
- The school is teaching all subjects and following the normal curriculum.
- Students are taught with their own zones with separate classrooms, desk, chairs and toilets.

Any students who are exempt from wearing a mask for medical or other reasons should speak to a member of staff so that this can be properly recorded.

Many thanks for your continued support during this time.

Yours sincerely,

Dr K Vincent
Principal