



Principal: Dr Katharine Vincent

Friday 5th March 2021

Dear parents and carers,

We are very much looking forward to welcoming students back to the school building next week. I am writing to update you about the re-opening process and to give you some further information about the testing process and awarding of grades for students in Year 11 and Year 13.

Reopening of the school

As set out in my letter last week, students will return to school from Monday 8th March. Each year group will be called into school for testing followed by the start of lessons. The school's updated risk assessment is available on the school website, along with a separate risk assessment for our Lateral Flow Device testing centre. All students and staff are required to follow the control measures set out in the risk assessment.

We do consider this to be a full reopening of the school, with all the usual rules and codes of conduct fully in place. The government have made clear that school attendance is mandatory during this time, except for those who have been notified that they are Clinically Extremely Vulnerable. Live online teaching will not be available for other students during this time, since teachers will be teaching those students who are attending lessons within the building.

All students will be offered three LFD tests when they return to school. Testing is not compulsory but is strongly encouraged. Please return the testing consent form as soon as possible if you have not already done so. The return to school will be staggered, so that students who give consent can be tested on their return. Once three LFD tests have been completed under supervision within the school's testing centre, students will be provided with home test kits.

A short film explaining the testing process at MUTC can be accessed by following this link: https://youtu.be/42_eynEv_nY.

Masks and face-coverings

In line with government guidance, all students are required to wear masks in school. When school reopens on the 8th of March, both students and staff will be strongly encouraged to wear masks inside classrooms as well as in corridors and circulation spaces. Students must bring their own masks to school, as the school cannot provide them.

Any students who are exempt from wearing a mask for medical reasons must provide a note from their parent and/or a doctor about this, which should be given to their Head of House. Students will then be provided with a card that can be shown in the event that they are challenged about not wearing a mask.

Government guidance about masks can be found online: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own>



Start of lessons

Students will return to lessons from Tuesday 9th March onwards. All students must attend for testing at the time stated and must arrive on time for school at 8.40am once lessons have re-started for their year group. All students must wear school uniform (or dress code for Sixth Form students) when they are attending school for lessons.

The updated government guidance for parents can be found online: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-covid-19>

Awarding of GCSEs, A-level and technical/vocational qualifications

Since exams are not happening as usual this summer, the school will be required to provide exam boards with the grades students should be awarded for their qualifications. Teachers will continue to teach students and assess them up to the May half term break. It is therefore extremely important that students continue to work hard when they return to school, so that teachers can gather a strong evidence-based to support their judgements about students' grades.

Information regarding how teacher assessed grades will be awarded to students this summer has been sent to you separately by Ms Christofides. In addition, parents of students in Year 11 and Year 13 are invited to attend an online information session with Ms Christofides on Tuesday 16th March at 4pm. Please follow the link below to join this meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/91294122755> (meeting ID: 912 9412 2755).

Academic Review Day

The school will hold an academic review day on **Wednesday 24th March**. On this day, normal lessons will not take place. Instead, each parent will have an appointment for a meeting with the school to discuss the progress of their son or daughter. Appointments will take place remotely and times will be sent out the week before Academic Review Day. Information about this has been sent to you about this by Ms Christofides – please contact her if you have any questions about this.

I hope that you and your families and keeping well and staying safe during this time. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely,

Dr K Vincent

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Information for Parents: School reopening – March 2021

Date	Information for parents
<p><u>Monday 8th March</u></p> <p>Students will only attend school on this day if invited for testing or emergency school</p> <p>Year 10 and Year 11 students will be invited for LFD testing on this day</p> <p>Staff will be in school preparing for the return of students</p>	<p>No live remote teaching from this day. Students who have not yet returned to school will be set work by teachers to complete online.</p> <p>Only Year 10 and Year 11 students who have given consent for Lateral Flow Device Testing will attend school on this day, to have the first of their three tests. Students must come for their tests at the time they have been given and will immediately return home afterwards. Students coming in for tests <u>must</u> wear a mask.</p> <p>Students who have been invited to attend emergency school will come in as usual 9am – 3.50pm. No other students are to come to school on this day.</p>
<p><u>Tuesday 9th March</u></p> <p>All staff in school</p> <p>Year 10 and Year 11 students will attend school as normal from 8.40am – 3.50pm</p> <p>Year 13 will be invited for testing</p> <p>Year 12 and Year 13 will attend only if invited for testing or emergency school.</p>	<p>Year 10 and Year 11 students will return to school and resume normal lessons including registration on this day. All students <u>must</u> be in full school uniform and MUST WEAR A MASK unless exempt.</p> <p>Students who are eligible for Free School Meals will be provided with lunch at school.</p> <p>Year 13 students will be invited for the first of their three tests on this day.</p> <p>There will be no live remote teaching on this day; Year 12 and Year 13 students will be set work to complete online. Emergency school will run for Year 12 and Year 13 students only.</p>
<p><u>Wednesday 10th March</u></p> <p>Year 10, Year 11 and Year 13 students will attend lessons as normal</p> <p>Year 12 will attend only if invited for testing or emergency school</p>	<p>Students in Year 10, Year 11 and Year 13 will attend lessons as normal on this day. All students must be in full school uniform (or dress code for Sixth Formers) and MUST WEAR A MASK.</p> <p>Students in Year 12 will be invited for the first of their three tests on this day.</p> <p>Emergency school will continue to run for Year 12 students.</p>

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<p><u>Thursday 11th March</u></p> <p>All students will return to normal lessons</p> <p>Year 10 and Year 11 students will receive their second test on this day</p>	<p>All students from Year 10 to Year 13 will attend registration and lessons as normal from this day onwards.</p> <p>Students must be in correct uniform/dress code and MUST WEAR A MASK UNLESS EXEMPT.</p> <p>Any Year 12 students who have not yet received the first of their three tests will be invited to do so on this day.</p> <p>Year 10 and Year 11 students will be invited for the second of their three tests on this day.</p>
<p><u>Friday 12th March</u></p> <p>All students will attend normal lessons</p> <p>Year 13 students will receive their second test on this day</p>	<p>All students from Year 10 to Year 13 will attend registration and lessons as normal from this day onwards.</p> <p>Students must be in correct uniform (or dress code for Sixth Form students) and MUST WEAR A MASK UNLESS EXEMPT.</p> <p>Year 13 students will be invited for the second of their three tests.</p>