



Principal: Dr Katharine Vincent

Friday 12th November 2021

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you for all your ongoing support for the school. Some information and updates about the work of the school are given below.

Mock exams

Students in Year 11 and Year 13 are in the process of taking mock exams. These exams will continue during w/c 15th November and will finish on Friday 19th November. I have been extremely impressed with the attitude of students towards these exams so far. Please continue to remind students about the importance of revising for exams and attending them on time.

BFI Film Academy

We were delighted to host the BFI Film Academy at Mulberry UTC during the half term break. A selected group of young people from across the country, including some from Mulberry UTC, took part in a week of film-making activities that culminated in the showcasing of their work. We are extremely pleased to be able to host this at our school and to see young people developing their film-making skills to such a high standard.

Upcoming Parents Evenings:

- Release of mock exam results for Year 11s – Thursday 2nd December 3.30-4.30pm
- Year 11 Parents Evening – Thursday 9th December 4.30-6.30pm
- Year 13 Parents Evening – Tuesday 14th December 4.30-6.30pm

Please put these important dates into your diaries. If you are unable to attend for any reason, please contact your child's Head of House to let them know, so that we can make an alternative arrangement for you.

Open Evening – Thursday 20th January

After an extremely successful Open Evening for Year 10 and Year 12 on Thursday 21st October, the second Open Evening of the year will take place on Thursday 20th January. Please encourage current Year 11 students to attend and please share the date with any friends or family who you know are interested in joining the school next year.



Vaccinations

All young people can now access Covid-19 vaccinations through the national booking system. This includes all students in Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 at Mulberry UTC. Any students who wish to take up a vaccination can visit the NHS website and find out more about booking their vaccination through this service: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/who-can-get-the-vaccine/>.

In addition to this, Mulberry UTC will be hosting a Covid-19 vaccination clinic in November. This will be run by the local health service and will provide the opportunity for students aged 12-15 who wish to be vaccinated to take this up. More information, including consent forms, has been sent to the parents of Year 10 and Year 11 students. **If you wish your child to receive the vaccination, please ensure you complete the consent form by Thursday 18th November.** Unfortunately, if the consent form is not completed by this date your child will not be able to receive the vaccination.

Uniform and dress code

All students must adhere to the school's uniform and dress code. All students must wear their lanyard and ID card at all times when they are inside the school building.

Students in Year 10 and Year 11 must wear school uniform and are not permitted to wear sweatshirts, hoodies or coats within the school building.

Sixth Form students are required to wear professional dress, with no jeans, no trainers, no hoodies, no hats or caps, no coats within the school building and no headphones or phones to be used within the school building at any time.

A number of Sixth Form students have come to school this week wearing trainers. If this happens, students will be offered plimsolls or, if they live close to the school, the opportunity to go home and change their shoes. Students will not be permitted to come into school wearing trainers. If there is a medical or other issue affecting footwear, parents should contact the school about this.

COVID-19 Control Measures

Dealing with possible or confirmed cases of COVID 19

Students and staff should not come into school if they have symptoms of COVID 19 or if they have had a positive test result. Anyone who has symptoms is advised to take a PCR test and to self-isolate until they



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have the results. If the result is negative, they can return to school when they feel well enough. If the result is positive, they will need to self-isolate for 10 days, following the government guidelines.

If anyone develops COVID-19 symptoms while in school, they will be sent home immediately, recommended to take a PCR test and to self-isolate until they receive the results. Students do not need to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or if they are a close contact of someone with COVID-19. Instead, they will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace and advised to take a PCR test. We would encourage all students to take a PCR test if advised to do so.

Contact tracing

Schools are no longer required to carry out contact tracing. In the event of a confirmed case at school, NHS Track and Trace will work with the staff member, student and/or parent/carer to identify close contacts.

Individuals are not required to self-isolate if they are a close contact of a positive COVID case, or if they live in a household with a COVID case, providing one of the following:

- They are under 18
- They are over 18 and fully vaccinated
- They are in an approved COVID 19 trial
- They are not able to vaccinate for medical reasons

If not required to self-isolate, an individual who is a close contact of a confirmed case will be advised to take a PCR test, but should continue to attend school in the meantime. If the result is negative, they should continue to attend school; if the result is positive, they should immediately self-isolate and notify the school.

Thank you for all your ongoing support for the school, which is very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Dr K Vincent

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