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Dear Parent/Guardian

Students return to school

We were delighted with the government announcement that schools could return fully from Monday 8 March.

You will have heard that all students are to be tested for Covid-19 prior to their return to school. This is clearly very important to ensure any asymptomatic cases are picked up before students start mixing again in school. We are still waiting to receive the detailed guidance from NHS Track and Trace regarding how testing should be carried out in schools and we will update you with further information as soon as we possibly can. However, I am currently able to share with you the following information:-

- We will be phasing back to school through the week beginning 8 March and into the week beginning 15 March. In the meantime we will continue with our remote education schedule of lessons on the VLE. The testing of nearly 900 students is a very large undertaking, which will require a staged return to school for year groups. Therefore, not all year groups will be in school on Monday 8 March.
- When we return to school, students will remain in their year group bubbles to reduce the risk of transmission, as was the case prior to the Christmas holiday. There has been a change to the government guidance around wearing masks in school so all students and staff will be required to wear masks in class, in addition to communal areas. This will be reviewed at the end of the term and is an additional precaution to ensure everyone is safe.
- We are still awaiting information from Ofqual regarding the new arrangements for GCSE and A Level students who would have been sitting their exams this year – we are due to hear from the Department for Education later this week. Again, we will let you know as soon as we have the relevant information to hand.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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