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Dear Parents and Carers

On Monday 22nd February, the Prime Minister presented the Government plans to ease restrictions and move the country out of the current lockdown. All schools in England are to return to face-to-face teaching and learning from Monday 8th March.

Our plans are as follows:**Friday 5th March 2021**

In order to prepare for the transition from remote to face to face learning, there will not be any live remote lessons on Friday. On Friday students should be completing work that staff will be setting via SMH or Teams. Staff will use the time to prepare for the following week after a period away from the School environment. Year 11 and 13 will be involved in testing at School.

Week beginning 8th March 2021

Students will begin to return to School for face-to-face learning in the week beginning 8th March. We will have a phased return of students to accommodate the mass testing processes on site. Please be aware that the testing of 1,350 students is a huge logistical challenge. This week is also the start of the Year 11 Trial Exams. Separate guidance information has been sent to Year 11 students.

During the week of 8th March students will either be: invited into School to be tested; be in school and will follow their normal timetable (for Year 11-Trial Exams), or receive remote lessons at home on Teams. Expectations for Remote Learning remain as per the weeks prior to this return date with pupils following their timetable.

Date	Testing	Return to School	Remote Learning
Friday 5 th March	Year 11 & 13	None	Work set for Years 7 - 10 & 12
Monday 8 th March	Year 11 & 13	Year 11 & 13	Years 7 - 10 & 12
Tuesday 9 th March	Year 10 & 12	Year 10 - 13	Years 7 - 9
Wednesday 10 th March	Year 8 & 9	Year 8 - 13	Year 7
Thursday 11 th March	Year 7	Year 7 - 13	
Friday 12 th March		Year 7 - 13	

From Monday 15th March we will maintain the same timings for the School day as the Christmas Term 2020 for all students (start of the day: 0835 for Years 7/9/11/13; 0845 for Years 8/10/12).

Friday 5th March will be allocated to testing Year 11 and Year 13 only. Students will return home after their test.

Monday 8th March will be allocated to testing Year 11 and Year 13 only who will also return to School. Learning will continue for all other year groups via Remote Learning. Year 11 and Year 13 will return to school. During the day, they will be tested for a second time. Learning will continue for all other year groups via Remote Learning.

Tuesday 9th March: Year 10 and Year 12 will be tested on this day and return to School. Years 7 - 9 will learn via Remote Learning. Years 10 and 12 will be invited into school in form groups, once they have had their test they will attend lessons in school. If a student does not have his test until the afternoon, he should work independently, as there will not be remote lessons provided on this day.

Wednesday 10th March: Year 8 and Year 9 will be tested on this day and return to School. Year 8 and 9 will be invited into school in form groups, once they have had their test they will attend lessons in school. If a student does not have his test until the afternoon, he should work independently, as there will not be remote lessons provided on this day. Year 7 will learn via Remote Learning.

Thursday 11th March: Year 7 will be tested on this day and return to School. Year 7 will be invited into school in form groups, once they have had their test they will attend lessons in school. If a student does not have his test until the afternoon, he should work independently, as there will not be remote lessons provided on this day.

Friday 12th March: All students will be in school.

Parents will be contacted by Mr Soulsby (Assistant Head) to explain fully how to access the testing area and the timings involved for each year/form group. **These timings are non-negotiable and must be adhered to. We cannot have students arriving earlier or later for testing. If you have not completed the Lateral Flow Test consent form please do so [here](#).**

This testing programme at School is for students with no symptoms. If your son develops symptoms at any time (including a high temperature; a new, continuous cough; or a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste) they must immediately self-isolate, and book a test by calling 119 or by visiting [this link](#).

Week of 15th March 2021

All students will have returned to School and will continue to be tested as per the organised programme from the testing team (all students are to be tested 3 times in School).

Week of 22nd March 2021

This week is the start of the Year 13 Trial Exams. Students will not be expected in school unless they have exams during the exam period. If they wish to study in school in between or prior to their exams they can use the old school library. The first exam is not until the 23rd March but students will not be expected to come into school on the 22nd March, they can use this as a study day at home. If a student wishes to work in school on the 22nd March they should contact either Mr Cummins or Mr Murray to arrange this.

Key worker and vulnerable pupil provision for the week commencing 8th March

There will be a provision for the above students only from 8th – 10th March.

Parent and Pupil Guide - wider AGSB opening from 8th March 2021

The School environment and face coverings

The school will continue with the social distancing, one-way systems, hand cleansing and the extra cleaning routine that was in place prior to the Christmas holidays. However, the Government has given some additional

guidance on face coverings and these will now be mandatory in classrooms as well as in school corridors. For the sake of clarity:

- Face coverings are mandatory on journeys to and from School if using public transport.
- Face coverings are mandatory indoors across the School, including classrooms, where social distancing is not possible. This excludes PE lessons both in The Grammar and outside.
- Face coverings are voluntary at break and lunchtimes, except indoors and in dining areas where they are mandatory unless eating.
- Staff face coverings are voluntary if social distancing can be maintained in the classroom. Two metre zones identified in all teaching areas.
- Whole School Risk Assessment – updated.
- Individual Risk Assessments for identified staff and students – updated.
- Extra-curricular activities will be assessed in the coming weeks. Any additional information will be shared through via SchoolComms.

We are looking forward greatly to welcoming back our students to AGSB.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'G.A. Wright', with a horizontal line underneath.

Mr G. A. Wright
Head Master