



Dear Parents/Carers and Students,

We are really looking forward to welcoming you back into the Academy from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. As you will be aware, there is a staggered return to allow for the testing that we are required to offer, but over the course of the week all students will return so that by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March everyone will be back learning in their classrooms.

As part of this return, we are required to maintain certain procedures to ensure we continue to meet Government guidelines, and keep everyone safe in school. To ensure this we will be continuing with different entrances for different year groups. These are the same entrances as were in place before Christmas, and students will continue to be based in the same bubble area and classroom as they were before the latest lockdown. Students should use these gates from their scheduled first day back in school.

To remind you, students will need to enter the school by 8.35am at the latest using the following entrances:

**Year 7 – Main Gate** into the quad and up the ramp past the Dance Studio before turning into either English or Science classrooms.

**Year 8 – Maths Gate** and straight into Maths Block via the lower door.

**Year 9 – Music Block Gate** into lower quad and up the stairs entering the Humanities Block via H1.

**Year 10 – DT Gate** on High Pavement and then into DT classrooms or across upper quad to Specialist Base

**Year 11 – Health Centre Car Park Gate** and into the Languages Block.

**Sixth Form – Main Entrance** via reception and up to the Exam Room.

Year group Lola's will be on the gates every morning to greet you, as before.

In addition to the separate entrances, we will continue to have measures in place to keep students and staff safe. These include enhanced cleaning schedules, minimal student movement around the building, separate areas for bubbles during lessons and breaks, and specific times / routes when movement is necessary. Students will be informed of all arrangements on their return to school.

In addition, an extensive Lateral Flow Testing system has been set up, details of which have been communicated separately.

If you have any questions about these arrangements, please do not hesitate to contact the academy and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

**Steve Lee**  
Assistant Principal