

8 March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Return to Face-to-Face Teaching (Monday 15th March to Friday 26th March)

We are delighted that our students will be able to return to onsite learning from **Monday 15th March**.

In line with Welsh Government guidance, we have decided on the following schedule for the two weeks leading up to the Easter holidays:

- **Monday 15th March onwards:** All students in years **11, 12, 13 and the LDC** will return to school full-time.
- **Wednesday 17th March onwards:** All students in year **10** will return to school full-time.
- **Friday 19th March onwards:** Students in years **7, 8 and 9** will return to school for two days to allow them to check-in to school before they return full-time after Easter.

To support our students' wellbeing, we believe that they need to return to the routines of learning asap. Therefore, following an extended tutorial session on the first day of their return, students will then start normal lessons and follow the timetable in place.

We will endeavour to keep different year groups apart from one another. Therefore, students will arrive and depart at different times at different gates. We will continue to stagger break and lunch times, and zone students in different areas of the school during their social times.

The measures in place to mitigate the transmission of Covid 19 will be largely similar to those in the autumn term. However, there will be an additional expectation that all students wear a face covering in lessons. We will send out more detailed information on health and safety later this week.

Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5 Arrangements

The daily arrangements for Key Stage 4 and 5 students are as follows:

	Arrive	P1	Depart	Gate
Post 16	0830	0835	1500	West
Year 11	0840	0845	1455	East
Year 10	0840	0845	1445	West

Key Stage 3 Arrangements

Key Stage 3 year groups will attend school on the following days **only**:

Friday 19th March: Year 9

Monday 22nd March: Year 8

Tuesday 23rd Monday: Year 7

Wednesday 24th March: Year 9

Thursday 25th March: Year 8

Friday 26th March: Year 7

For these check-in sessions, students will follow a slightly different school day as outlined below:

Arrive	Period 2	Depart	Gate
0930	0940	1430	West (Y9) East (Y7 and Y8)

Students will arrive in time for Period 2. They will participate in a welcome back session on the first day before returning to normal lessons from Period 3. They will leave school at 1430. The second check-in day will follow the same timings but focus on normal lessons all day.

In other news

Thank you to the students who have engaged in the **World Book Day** challenges that were sent out last week. It has been lovely to see them participating and developing their reading skills. A short video of some of the responses will be shared via the school website later this week. All

students will have received a digital book token that can be redeemed at any participating retailer, a list of which can be found at <https://www.booksellers.org.uk/wbd>.

And finally ...

We are looking forward to welcoming back our students. More detailed information will follow later this week, in the meantime, a reminder that distance learning will continue until all students return to school full time.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Curtis', written in a cursive style.

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