



5 March 2021

Good afternoon

As our IT recovery operation gets underway following our recent cyber-attack, we plan to prioritise our limited functionality to safely and effectively continue with our Lateral Flow testing programmes. Details of planned testing is as follows:

Date	AM	PM
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 11	Year 8
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 10	Year 9
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 7	College

As a change to our previous plan and as a result of the Cyber Attack, we are now asking that students return home once tested. Revised timings for the tests, where appropriate, will be sent by text later today.

The majority of our teaching and support staff are currently without devices as these are being made secure and we remain very grateful for your patience whilst we start the rebuild of our system. With this in mind, we are forced to delay our original plan for a staggered return to on-site learning and ALL STUDENTS, with the exception of vulnerable and key worker students who will be notified separately, will now **return to lessons in school on Thursday, 11 March 2021**.

In the meantime, students can now safely access their previous work on Teams and can continue to consolidate their previous learning, by revisiting this work and complimenting it with the vast range of materials available online via BBC Bite Size, Oak Academy, Seneca, GCSE POD etc.

As we face the challenge ahead, our trust has sourced external expertise and resources to ensure our recovery programme is as quick and efficient as possible. I can assure you, we are working around the clock to resume full service, as soon as is physically possible.

The outpouring of support from you all, at this incredibly challenging time, has been heart warming and gratefully received. Despite a pandemic and a cyber attack we remain in good spirits and are very much looking forward to seeing our students even though we all have to wait a few more days.

We will continue to communicate any further updates via the school website, twitter, text and email.

Thank you once again for all your support during these challenging times. We look forward to welcoming all our students back to school over the coming week.

Kind regards

Jim Smith  
Head of School