

St Matthew Academy

St Joseph's Vale, Blackheath, London SE3 0XX

Headteacher: Ms Miranda Baldwin

Head of Primary: Ms Joanna Chick



1 March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Y11 Return to School.

Further to the letter you received from Ms Baldwin, Headteacher, last week, which detailed the plans for school re-opening, we are now writing to you to share the specific plans for Y11.

All Y11 pupils must come to school on Thursday 4th March to take their first of three lateral flow Covid-19 tests. If you have not yet given consent for your child to take part in the Covid testing programme, you can do so by completing and submitting a google form by following this link <https://forms.gle/VfWkZVbw54TgeVwv9>. Please note, if your child is over 16 they are able to give consent themselves by completing the form.

Pupils will arrive at school at the time specified below, take their test, then depart site immediately. Pupils should wear full school uniform and must bring their open-book test papers that were completed over half term with them, to be handed in to staff.

Thursday 4th March test time slots (pupils must arrive in their allotted time slot):

11 APH	9:30am
11 CBA/KPU	9:55am
11 IOL	10:20am
11 MGR	10:45am
11 MPI/VEB	11:10am
11 RDO	11:35am
11 SGO	12:00pm

All pupils will then return to school for their 'official' start on Monday 8th March. Pupils should be in full school uniform. They will attend their Option C lessons from periods 1-4, to enable further time for coursework or practical work catch up. Pupils will also be tested again throughout the morning and normal lessons will resume after lunch.

We wrote to you in December updating you of the revised structure to the school day that we were planning to launch from the start of the Spring term. Please be reminded of the new timings of the day below:

TIMINGS	YEAR 11 SCHOOL DAY
8.50am - 9.00am	Form Time
9.00am - 10.00am	Lesson 1
10.00am - 11.00am	Lesson 2
11.00pm - 12.00am	Lesson 3
12.00pm - 12.55pm	Lesson 4
12.55 - 1.50pm	Lunch
1.50pm - 2.45pm	Lesson 5
2.45pm - 3.10pm	Form time and registration
3.10 - 4.30pm	Intervention/study club/detention (for targeted pupils only)

Your child will receive their personalised intervention timetable when they return to school, and a copy will be sent home.

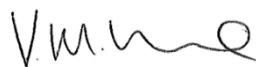
Last week, the government also announced the plans for how GCSE grades will be awarded this summer. As expected, teachers will be asked to provide 'teacher assessed grades' that accurately reflects the pupil's attainment, based on a range of evidence including mock exams, coursework and classwork. As such, we are revising our assessment model for Y11 and we will write to you once this is finalised. In the meantime, please be aware that your child will need to be preparing for mock exams in the core subjects w/b 22nd March. Please be reminded that if teachers do not have a bank of work as evidence for your child, it will be very difficult for them to award a grade other than a U.

If your child needs any support from the school, please contact Ms Dunne, who will be happy to help. We thank you for your support this term and look forward to seeing the pupils on Thursday 4th March.

Yours faithfully,



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Dear Parent/Guardian

The Metropolitan Police Safer Schools Team based at Lewisham Police Station are asking parents/guardians to support the police by encouraging their children to not breach current government COVID restrictions before and after school. This is for the protection of themselves and others during this global pandemic.

Safer Schools police officers will be patrolling before and after school in the Lewisham High Street, Forest Hill, Deptford/New Cross and Catford Broadway areas to enforce any breaches of COVID-19 restrictions. We will be engaging with any groups and encouraging them to leave the area and explain to them the importance of social distancing.

If a student is seen to breach COVID-19 restrictions, officers will contact the student's school for appropriate sanctions to be taken, in line with the Education Act. Should the advice be ignored and public safety is compromised, officers have the option to take enforcement action. This includes the option to issue fixed penalty notices to parents or guardians of children who are not following the rules.

Current regulations can be found at www.legislation.gov.uk.

We would ask parents and guardians to take the practical steps to check the current position and ensure your child is not committing an offence by breaching COVID-19 restrictions.

We all need to continue to do our part to prevent the spread of the virus.

Yours faithfully

PS Aaron King

Lewisham Safer Schools Partnership