



## COVID-19 UPDATE 16

21<sup>st</sup> June 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that this latest update finds you and your family safe and well. As you may have seen from the newsletter published earlier this week on our website, all our students are working well and we are very proud of their continued commitment to their studies. The Year 10 bubble has now moved from Abbey to the Grove and the school has reverted to its [normal timetable](#), with no split breaks or lunchtime. This timetable is posted on the website - please note the 9am start and 3.30pm end to the school day.

I am writing to you following Monday's announcement by the Prime Minister that the existing COVID restrictions will remain in place until 19<sup>th</sup> July. This will impact upon some end of term arrangements and the arrangements for the start of the new academic year in September. These are outlined for you below.

### Induction and Start of Term Arrangements

The Induction Days that were scheduled to take place for Year 12 (25<sup>th</sup> June) and Year 9 (30<sup>th</sup> June) have had to be reviewed. As a result, the planned Induction Days have been postponed and the arrangements for the start of the Autumn Term revised as follows:

- **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021**: Induction Day for Year 9 and Year 12. Years 9 and 12 will be the only students in school
- **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021**: All students attend - first day of term

An Induction package for [new Year 9 students is available on the website](#), and the Year 12 package will be released on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2021.

### COVID Testing

With the rising number of positive cases of COVID-19 - particularly the Delta variant, government advice remains that students and school staff should continue to conduct lateral flow tests at home on a twice-weekly basis and to report test results via the government's test and trace service. In the event of a positive test, a PCR test should be booked as soon as possible, and all members of the household should self-isolate until the PCR result is confirmed and, should it be confirmed as positive, for ten days from the date of the initial positive test result. If the PCR test is negative and no other member of the household has tested positive, the household may end its self-isolation and the student may return to school.

### GCSE, BTEC and AS/A Level Results and Online Subject Options Deadline for Incoming Year 12

The timetable for the issuing of this year's public exam results is as follows:

Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> August	AS/A Level Results	8am - 11am
	Results Consultation	9am - 2pm
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> August	A Level Results Consultation	9am - 11am (exceptional circumstances)
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> August	GCSE Results (Year 11)	9am - 11am
	GCSE Results (Year 10)	10.30am-11.30am
	Results Consultation	9am - 2pm
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> August	Results Consultation	9am-11am (exceptional circumstances)
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> August	Deadline for online subject options for Year 12 entry	3.30pm

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Please note, where possible, students should attend the consultation sessions on the relevant exam results day. There will be limited availability for consultation on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> (A Level) and Friday 13<sup>th</sup> (GCSE), reserved for exceptional circumstances.

## Exam Results Appeals

It is extremely important that no communication takes place with a teacher regarding a potential exam result appeal, particularly on results day. All communications relating to appeals must be directed via the Exams Office. There is a process in place that **must** be adhered to and full details are given in the school's [Centre Assessed Grades Policy](#). It is important to highlight that, in the event of an appeal, the outcome may be that grades may stay the same; grades may be moved up; or grades may be moved down. It should also be noted that the appeal process is focused upon whether the school has followed its own processes and the exam board's requirements. The policy, which has been approved by the exam boards states that *'Appeals are not likely to lead to adjustments in grades where the original grade is a reasonable exercise of academic judgement supported by the evidence.'*

The school will work in accordance with guidance published by JCQ and in line with their deadlines:

**Key Dates for Priority Appeals (students whose place at university or higher education is dependent upon the outcome of an appeal)**

10 August to 16 August 2021	Window for students to request a centre review
10 August to 20 August 2021	Centre conduct centre reviews
10 August to 23 August 2021	Centres submit appeals to awarding organisations

## Key Dates for Non-Priority Appeals

From Result Day to 3 September 2021	Window for students to request a centre review
From Result Day to 10 September 2021	Centre conduct centre reviews
From Result Day to 17 September 2021	Centres submit appeals to awarding organisations

## Diary Dates Reminder

Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Speech Day (online event)
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>TERM ENDS, 3.25pm</b>
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> - Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> July	TED Days (school closed to students)
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>AS/A Level Results &amp; Consultation Day</b>
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>A Level Results Consultation Day</b>
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>GCSE Results &amp; Consultation Day</b>
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>Sixth Form Entry Consultation Day</b>

As ever, I would like to close this latest update by thanking you for your continued support.

Best wishes

Yours sincerely



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