

Dear Student, Parent / Carer

Start of Term Arrangements

The summer holiday is coming to an end and it is time to think about the start of term. First I must say that I am really looking forward to seeing all of our students back in the building and I am especially excited to meet our new Year 7 and Year 12 students.

Since I wrote to you all on 28th June with details of the start of term date, the DfE has asked us to carry out mass LFT testing before the students start back in September. We are able to stagger our return to accommodate this but we have managed to plan the testing so that students are returning on the same day as we originally intended. Below is a reminder of the return dates for year groups and I have also added the LFT timetable again for your information.

- Year 7 and 12 will start on Friday 3rd September at 8.30am (Year 7 students should assemble on the Yard and Year 12 should head straight for the 6th Form Centre.)
- Year 8 students will start on Monday 6th September. They should arrive at their surname allotted time for their first LFT test. Assuming it is negative, they will stay in school
- All other Year groups will start on Monday 6th September at 10.40am

Below is the LFT schedule. As an example... If your child is in Year 7 and has the surname Smith, he/she will come to school on Thursday 2nd September at 9.50am and head to the Sports Hall for their LFT. Please remember that, while I strongly urge everyone to be tested, it remains optional.

Mass Rapid COVID-19 Testing @ Paulet High School – Thursday 2nd September – Thursday 9th September

	Thursday 2 nd September	Friday 3 rd September	Monday 6 th September starts @ 10.40am	Tuesday 7 th September	Wednesday 8 th September	Thursday 9 th September
Year 7	Test 1	In school from today @8.30am	In school today @ 10.40am	Test 2		
Year 8			Test 1 and stay in school			Test 2
Year 9	Test 1		In school from today @10.40am	Test 2		
Year 10		Test 1	In school from today @10.40am		Test 2	
Year 11		Test 1	In school from today @10.40am		Test 2	
Year 12	Test 1	In school from today @8.30am	In school today @ 10.40am	Test 2		
Year 13		Test 1	In school from today @10.40am		Test 2	

- For **Test 1** students will arrive at school during the time slot allotted by surname (see table). After **Test 1**, all students (except Year 8) will return home and then start school on the day shown assuming the test result is negative. Year 8 will remain in school on their test day.
- Test 2 will be carried out while students are in school
- From Sunday 12th September students will be required to self-administer tests at home twice a week and report results to school

Test 1 time slots – please arrive on time; walk through the car park to the Sports Hall.

- 8.30-8.50 for surnames A - C
- 8.50-9.10 for surnames D - H
- 9.30-9.50 for surnames I - P
- 9.50-10.10 for surnames Q - S
- 10.10-10.30 for surnames T - Z

Years 7, 10, 8

- 10.40-11.00 for surnames A - C
- 11.00-11.20 for surnames D - H
- 11.40-12.00 for surnames I - P
- 12.00-12.20 for surnames Q - S
- 12.20-12.40 for surnames T - Z

Years 9, 12, 11, 13



Whilst most national Covid mitigations have been lifted, we have decided to keep some in place to help us maintain as normal a term as possible. Split lunches with Year groups having social zones are remaining as well as the one-way systems we had in place last academic year. Ventilation is still the key mitigation so we will continue to have external doors and windows open although we will be more mindful of very cold weather this year. This means that students will still be allowed to wear outside coats in corridors - **but not during lessons**.

This year we will adopt the mantra **MASKS WELCOMED – MASKS ENCOURAGED**. Students may continue to wear a mask if they so wish; I know some members of staff will to!

Hand hygiene continues to be of paramount importance; we will continue to keep hand sanitizer available in school.

Un-expected visitors will still be met at the door. If you would like to come in and see a member of staff, please make an appointment in advance.

As a reminder, if you have not yet bought school shoes, or you would like me to check the choice you have made, please feel free to email a picture to:

shoes@phs.jtmat.co.uk

That's it for now; Mrs Deer will write to parents separately with attendance updates for this year. I hope you all have a wonderful last few days and, if you are joining Year 7 and the nerves are beginning, please don't worry as you will have the best time at our school!

Kind Regards



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Headteacher