

18 December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Following the most recent announcement from the Education Secretary, Gavin Williamson, all secondary schools in England have been instructed to implement a staggered return to on-site learning at the beginning of next term and to make the necessary preparations to deliver a Covid testing programme for staff and students. In line with this, please see the details below for Melton Vale Sixth Form College, to support your son/daughter's start to the new term:

1. Monday, 4 January 2021, this is a planned INSET day for teaching and support staff at the college. As previously communicated there will be no students in on this day.
2. All Year 13 and **only Year 12 students sitting a BTEC examination** during the first week back will return to onsite provision on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January.
3. Year 12 students who are sitting BTEC exams will have their timetabled BTEC lessons in college, at the normal timetabled time. All other subjects will be remote learning.
4. Remote learning will be provided for Year 12 during the first week of term, before a full return to school or college from 11 January 2021. Similar to the Autumn term, our remote provision will be delivered via MS Teams. Your son/daughter is very familiar with the use of TEAMS as this forms part of our everyday working practice at Melton Vale. We strongly recommend that students adhere to the normal working day. Work for each day will be set by teachers, on TEAMS, by 9am. Work must be submitted for that day by 4pm. This methodology of delivery was very positive during the initial lockdown period.
5. BTEC Examinations for Year 12 and Year 13 will go ahead as planned during the first and second week of term; guidance has been issued to your son or daughter regarding dates, times and rooming.

With regard to the testing arrangements for the new term, we will provide you with further details once we have received specific guidance from the Government and prepared our on-site test provision.

Thank you for your unrelenting support in what continues to be unprecedented times.

Best wishes for a safe and restful Christmas.

Yours sincerely



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