

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021

Dear Parent / Carer

### Lateral Flow Testing and Return to College

We are delighted that students will begin to return to college from next week. Further to the recent government announcements this letter will set out our plans in relation to your son or daughter returning to college, including testing. A further letter will be sent to families of students in Year 13 regarding exams and assessment in due course.

There is much information in this letter, so please do take the time to read through everything carefully with your son or daughter. Further information will be given to students in a briefing later this week.

### Testing

Based on Department for Education (DfE) guidelines it is our intention to test all students 3 times at college before home test kits are then provided. More guidance on home testing will be issued later. This testing is to pick up asymptomatic cases and reduce the spread of Covid-19 in our community. It is important to explain that testing can only be done with students who have given their consent. If your son or daughter hasn't consented, please direct them to the link below to complete the consent form.

[www.mv16.org.uk/consent](http://www.mv16.org.uk/consent)

We will be providing a lateral flow test system which will be supervised by trained staff in appropriate PPE. The test does not hurt and it is very quick, students will administer the test themselves. Students will be informed of their results via the NHS track and trace service.

### Returning to college

Initially, students will only come into school on their designated testing day at an appointed time to undertake a test – this will be organised by surname. Once tested they will then immediately return home. To do this we will be relying on parents/carers transporting students into school for the test to avoid any mingling with others.

### Year 13 – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March

8.30 – 9.30 am	A - C
9.30 – 10.30 am	D - G
10.30 am – 11.30 am	H - K
11.30 – 12.30 pm	L - Q
1.30 – 2.30 pm	R - S
2.30 – 3.30 pm	T - Y

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## Year 12

8.30 – 9.30 am	A - B
9.30 – 10.30 am	C- E
10.30 am – 11.30 am	F - I
11.30 – 12.30 pm	J - N
1.30 – 2.30 pm	O - S
2.30 – 3.30 pm	T - Z

All students will return to college on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March and resume their teaching timetable. We expect students to follow all of the hygiene procedures that were laid down previously and were successful in limiting the spread of the virus in the college. Students can expect a reminder of these expectations in this week's student briefing. Following their initial test, two further tests will be administered in college. Students should come to the testing centre at the time allocated to their surname. Following their three in-college tests, students will then be issued with their home testing kits and further guidance.

Year 12 students only: On your return, you will be given the flexibility of coming to college for your designated lessons only. If there are any parents/carers who would prefer their child to be in college to study during their free periods, then please contact the college directly. Furthermore, some students who we believe will benefit from additional supervised study time in college, will be contacted later this week by Mrs Roberts.

### **Mask wearing**

In line with recommendations we will be asking all students to wear masks in college. If your child is exempt from wearing a mask for medical reasons, please inform our college reception. Please note that plastic face shields are not recommended for use in place of masks as they do not offer the same level of protection.

### **Timeline**

I attach with this letter a timeline for reference of the coming fortnight and the testing regime at the college. I would like to thank you all for your continued support and positive messages through the past few months.

Yours sincerely



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Head of College