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Dear Year 13

This is a short letter just to remind you about starting arrangements for the new academic year.

### **COVID-Safe Procedures**

We will say more on the first day back about what measures we are taking concerning the COVID-19 outbreak, although some of these measures are referred to throughout this letter. Please wear a mask on the school site when in transit between lessons. You may wear a mask in lessons themselves if you prefer. Please wash your hands between lessons and/or use the sanitiser stations that are around the building. When you are not wearing your mask, it should be kept in a sealed plastic bag. You must travel safely to school, wearing a mask if using public transport. We would strongly encourage you to walk or cycle if you can. As last year, please follow the advice of Public Health England concerning self-quarantine if you or anyone in your family has any of the symptoms at any point during the year.

### **Initial COVID-testing: Monday 6 September from 11 a.m.**

In line with governmental requirements, we must test all students using the familiar lateral flow test before term starts. For Year 13 students, testing will occur as follows:

11.00 Surnames A-D  
11.45 Surnames E-H  
12.30 Surnames I-L  
13.15 Surnames M-P  
14.00 Surnames Q-T  
14.45 Surnames U-Z

Students will go straight home again once they have been tested. One further test will take place on Thursday 9 September during school time and times for this will be confirmed during the first week. Students will then be expected to test themselves twice a week at home, just as last year.

### **The New Academic Term**

The year starts on *Tuesday 7 September at 8.40am* in your tutor room. There will be an injected Tutorial and Assembly during periods 1 and 2 which all students must attend.

### **Bursaries – students must reapply every year**

We have 2 bursary schemes to support Post 16 students who need additional financial support. *You must reapply every year.* To be eligible for a Discretionary Bursary, you need to show that you are eligible for Free School Meals, which you can apply for on-line via the Royal Borough of Greenwich website. We also give a Tallis Book Bursary to students from households with an income of less than £18,000. Please apply if you think you qualify. Tutors have copies of these and so do all sixth form offices.

### **Parental/Carers Meeting: Progression**

Please pencil in the Year 13 Parents' Progression evening on Wednesday 15 September from 18.00 to 19.00. We aim to run sessions on applying to university, art college, performing arts application, and apprenticeships.

We look forward to seeing you all very shortly. Take care and stay safe!

Best wishes,

The Year 13 Team