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Dear all,

Year 12 and Year 13: our thanks for this Friday's self-testing

Thank you for responding to our request about Covid self-testing this Friday. There are approximately 700 students in the sixth form and almost 600 of you have agreed to test yourselves so far. It is fantastic to see that so many of us are willing to act selflessly after informing ourselves about what is required to protect everyone's health. The proportion of sixth formers registered to self-test is much higher than in other year groups at the time of writing and shows real courage and leadership on your part. We thank you for it!

If you have not completed the consent form, please find it here <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=CT9CP0wr5U2qk-j005CGz7cGj2NkjtxMpRNLtvQKjdUNjVSTVhNVjhUQIJPRUE2MDZPQjFGWVhHUy4u>

We will check your consent form before you are offered a self-testing kit onsite. No permission, no test. As you are over 16 you may give consent yourself.

Please note – there will be no remote teaching on Friday 5 March because of the self-testing.

When and where you will test yourself this Friday

We are calling people in by **year group** (Year 12 in the morning, Year 13 in the afternoon) and then by **surname** – for your timeslot, please see the table below. Keep to the time given please!

The testing will take place in the Sports Hall.

Enter the school via the Main Gates/side entrance as usual. Queue by the fire exit doors opposite the first-floor entrance of Block 3. Once you have tested yourself, you will go home by the following route: leave the Sports Hall by the exit in the far corner by the yellow seating; leave site using the pedestrian gate on the far side of the car park by the school minibuses.

YEAR 12 – Fri a.m.	Surname initial
8:00	A-C
8:30	D-F
9:00	G-I
9.30	J-L
10.00	M-O
10.30	P-R
11.00	S-U
11.30	V-Z

YEAR 13 – Fri p.m.	Surname initial
12:00	A-D
12:30	E-H
13:00	I-L
13:30	M-P
14:00	Q-S
14:30	T-V
15:00	W-Z

Masks and Face-Coverings

Unless you are exempt, you **must wear a face-covering all the time when you are on site**. The government guidance, which we are following, says that masks or proper face-coverings should be worn in lessons as well as in transit around site.

What happens next week

Two things for you to know about Monday 8 March's start back to school.

1. 9 a.m. start Monday 8 March, 10 a.m. start Tuesday 9, Wednesday 10 March

- Monday 8 March 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. will be a Tutorial with your tutor.
- Lessons will start at 10 a.m. Monday 8, Tuesday 9, Wednesday 10 March.

2. You have to test yourself twice more and the school self-testing days for Year 12, 13 are Wednesday 10 March, Monday 15 March. But you'll stay in school after you have self-tested on these days.

- The government requires everyone to administer a test to themselves in school twice more after you have administered the first test to yourself.
- Your second school self-test will therefore take place on Wednesday 10 March and your third school self-test on Monday 15 March.
- It will **use the same timetable by year group and surname as on Monday 8 March**.
- However, the difference is that you will leave class, be tested in your timeslot, and then return to lessons. You won't go home once you've been tested.

If you have any concerns about the testing, please contact your tutor or Head of Year.

We will see you on Friday unless you have communicated with us otherwise.

Really looking forward to welcoming you back!

Best wishes,

The Sixth Form Team