

RE: REVISED START OF TERM PROGRAMME - JANUARY 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you will be aware from my last letter it was our original intention that all students would return to school on Monday 4th January 2021.

However, following yesterday evening's announcement by the DfE relating to a staggered return to school in January to support the roll out of the school Coronavirus testing programme, we have now had to revise the return date for students to school next term as follows.

Monday 4th January 2021

Year 11 mock exams will continue as planned

Start times:

Year 11-9:10am-usual entrance and straight to form classes. Lessons start Period 2.

Year 13- normal lessons from Period 2 onwards.

Year 9, 10 & 12- remote learning work from home will be placed on Frog for the week.

Tuesday 5th January-Thursday 7th January 2021

Year 11-normal start time of 8:30am

Year 13-lessons start Period 1

Year 9,10 & 12- remote learning continues from home

Key worker/vulnerable provision-Year 9, 10 & 12:

Key worker/vulnerable provision for any student in these year groups is available from Monday 4th January to Thursday 7th January. Please email joy.davison@ga.newcastle.sch.uk by Friday 1st January if you are eligible for this provision and you would like your child to attend.

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Please note, this will be similar provision to what was provided during the first lockdown i.e. supervised independent study from work set on Frog. Specialist teachers will not be available.

Any student in these year groups who is eligible for free school meals can collect them from school.

On Monday 4th January students will be directed by gate staff to their relevant year group zone area.

Friday 8th January 2021

Training Day

Monday 11th January 2021

Students should be in their form rooms, entering via the usual entrances, by the following times:

Year 9-8:40am

Year 10-8:50am

Year 11-8:30am

Year 12 – lessons start P1 – 8:55am

Year 12's taking external exams in January

Individual course leaders will be in touch with regards to booster sessions in these lessons in the week beginning 4th January. Please keep checking Frog for updates.

May I apologise for these late changes; we too are frustrated that these announcements have come so late in the term.

More information regarding the mass testing will be out as soon as schools have been issued with further guidance. It seems unlikely that testing will be available in school during the first week back.

Once again, all of the staff would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and wish you a restful Christmas break and a happy New Year.

Yours Sincerely,

Preit Chahal

Principal