

28<sup>th</sup> August 2021

**Dear Sixth Form students and parents,**

**RE: Start of term arrangements for Sixth Form students**

I hope that you have all enjoyed the holidays and that you are feeling relaxed ahead of the new school term. I am very much looking forward to seeing all of our Sixth Formers – new and existing – when they return to school on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

Below is a range of information relevant to students' return to school:

**School Return: Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**

All Year 12 and Year 13 students should arrive on the school site no later than 12:25pm. They can use the front or the back gates to access the school.

Year 12 students should report to the lecture theatre in the Adrian Green building at 12:25pm where they will receive an introductory talk from me. All students will also receive their new timetables and have the chance to meet their new tutors.

From here, Year 12 students will then be directed in their tutor groups to the appropriate venue to take the first of their lateral flow tests. Please see the subheading below for further information on this process. In between tests, students will be taking part in a range of introductory activities with their tutors.

Year 13 students should go straight to their tutor bases at 12:25pm to be registered and to receive their new timetables. Tutor bases are located as follows:

- Miss Larby: O4
- Mr Dalby: O3
- Mrs Roach / Mrs Liggins: PA1

Following completion of their tests, Year 13 students will then attend an assembly with me where we will discuss the priorities for the year ahead.

The canteen will be open during the time that students are in school, so they will be able to purchase food from the Bistro. Students who are eligible for Free School Meals can receive this entitlement as normal.

All students will leave school at 3:00pm on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. This should be via the back gate only.

From Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September, school days for Years 12 and 13 will operate as normal from 8:45am to 3:00pm. Students will need to enter and leave the school premises via the back gate. This is one of our ongoing steps in place to minimise mixing between different year groups. However, any students who have difficulty in accessing the back gate (e.g. because siblings are dropped off at the front gate, or because it represents a significant extension to their walk to school) should speak to Mr Griffiths to agree alternative arrangements.

### Lateral Flow Testing

In line with government guidelines, all students are required to have two lateral flow tests upon their return to school. The first of these will be on September 3<sup>rd</sup>, as per the information above, and the second will take place during the first full week back in school.

Please note that these tests remain voluntary. Students who have already opted out of testing will not be required to complete these tests in school.

Full details on lateral flow testing and other Covid-19 related measures are provided in Mr Cade's end of term letter, which you can read [here](#).

### Uniform

We expect all students to wear Sixth Form uniform from Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September onwards. Please see the end of this letter for an overview of what the uniform includes.

Scholars in Trowbridge have made me aware of supply issues that are currently affecting their ability to provide Sixth Form blazers. We will, of course, be flexible with our requirements for any student who has not yet been able to purchase a blazer. Any students who are experiencing such problems should inform Mrs Maidment of this via email: [imm@clarendonacademy.com](mailto:imm@clarendonacademy.com).

### 16-19 Bursary Fund

The Acorn Trust and Clarendon Academy operates a 16-19 Bursary Fund for students who may require additional financial support with their studies. Students and / or their families who are in receipt of the following means-tested benefits are eligible for support from this fund:

- Free School Meals
- Income Support or Universal Credit
- Disability Living Allowance or Personal Independence Payments
- Employment and Support Allowance

In addition, any students who are currently Looked After by the Local Authority (in care) or who were Looked After in Years 10 and 11 but have since left care (care leavers) are also eligible for support from this fund.

Any student who meets any of the above criteria should complete an application form; these are available [here](#). Completed application forms and the relevant supporting evidence should be submitted to Mrs Maidment, either in person or via email: [imm@clarendonacademy.com](mailto:imm@clarendonacademy.com)

### Sixth Form Common Room



Thanks to a generous furniture donation from The Talent Foundry, we have been able to make significant improvements to the facilities in our Common Room.

I am very much looking forward to seeing this space being used to its fullest when our students return.

If you have any games or other appropriate donations you would like to make to help improve our Common Room further, please contact me to discuss: [mlg@clarendonacademy.com](mailto:mlg@clarendonacademy.com).

I hope that this letter answers any questions you may have ahead of the new term. If not, however, please do not hesitate to contact me via email: [mlg@clarendonacademy.com](mailto:mlg@clarendonacademy.com).

Yours faithfully,



Mr Mike Griffiths

(Head of Sixth Form)

## Clarendon Academy Sixth Form: Uniform

Uniform is compulsory for all Sixth Form students at Clarendon Academy. It consists of the following items:

- A Sixth Form blazer (available to purchase from Scholars in Trowbridge)
- A smart shirt or blouse
- Smart trousers or a skirt
- A tie (optional)

Students who study Sport are permitted to wear their Clarendon kit to school on days when they have practical lessons.

Students who participate in the Sports Action Group or other sports clubs are also allowed to wear sports kit on the days when they participate in these activities.

Piercings and dyed hair are permitted in the Sixth Form.

Students who are entitled to the 16-19 Bursary may claim for the costs of uniform. Please contact Mrs Maidment for details:

[Imm@clarendonacademy.com](mailto:Imm@clarendonacademy.com).

