



1 September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

I am delighted to write to you with details of the start of term. As you will be aware schools are operating under slightly amended guidance since last year and so we have included with this letter a set of guidance that covers what you need to know about the measures of control for managing Covid-19 in September 2021 as well as the details for the return to school testing that we will be operating.

Most other general return to school information can be found either on the [website](#), in the parent handbook or in letters sent by the College at the end of July. All of which can be located on the website or via direct links in the attached guidance.

The most important thing we ask you to do now is to indicate your position on the return to school testing. Therefore, **please complete this form as soon as you possibly can, before Thursday midday to allow us to process consent before Friday:**

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeA0HDo3na-EaCL_tYPS1nVssrP34nl6KUL2rBAMBel4vMmyQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

On their return to school all students in Years 8 to 11 will start with an extended tutor time to re-familiarise themselves with College and receive information on any changes to practices they need to be aware of. They will also resume assemblies, starting with a welcome back from myself to set the scene for the year during their first few days. Year 7 students will have the planned induction day on Monday 6 September.

As part of their staggered return students will receive a Return to College task from us whilst we work through the Testing days but it would be very helpful if you could also check their equipment, uniform and make sure their cashless catering account is topped up. As a point of information, please be aware that from September 2021 all monies paid in to cashless catering on School Gateway will now be paid directly to Caterlink (school catering provider). There will be no change in how you access this or the experience for students. This change simply represents a change in the terms of the contract we have with the provider, please also be assured that Caterlink will not have access to any of your data.



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We are delighted to be welcoming the students back to College for the start of what I am sure will be a very exciting year. Thank you for your help and support with this starting process and in ensuring a smooth and positive start to term.

Your sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C Barlow', written in a cursive style.

MS C BARLOW
Headteacher