



St John Fisher News

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Reopening

Students will begin returning to school from Monday 8 March as follows:

Monday 8 March: Years 11 - 13

Tuesday 9 March: Years 10 – 13

Wednesday 10 March: Years 9 – 13

Thursday 11 March: Years 8 – 13

Friday 12 March: Years 7 – 13

All students are expected to return to school on their allocated day and attendance will become compulsory again from that date. Remote work can be accessed up until the date of return but please remember that teachers will be teaching other year groups at school next week and the delivery of any live lessons will be limited.

Routines

We are very much looking forward to welcoming your children back to school next week and expect that students will get back into their school routines very quickly. To support your children with this transition please ensure your child has the right equipment with them each day for school and that they are getting enough sleep by going to bed early. We know that support like this will make a huge difference in easing the transition back to school.

Years 11 & 13 Assessment

I reported last week in the newsletter that the PPEs had to be postponed during the lockdown and that we would complete these after the Easter holidays. Following further planning for assessment, we have decided to change the way we conduct these. After the Easter holidays students will be assessed by individual subjects within their lessons, which may be a test or another form of assessment, rather than having exams in the Sports Hall. This is to allow for as much teaching and preparation time as possible in lessons between now and May.

It is very important that students continue to work hard and use the Easter holidays for revision and consolidation of the topics that they have been taught. In May we will be having a final assessment opportunity in each GCSE and A' Level subject which will take the form of written tests. Further information will be shared with students and parents in Years 11 and 13 over the next few weeks.

Testing

Thank you to all who have already consented to taking a COVID test. We have already now had two days of mass testing for Year 11, 12 and 13 this week, which has run very smoothly. Testing for other year groups next week before returning to school is as follows:

Monday 8 March: Year 10

Tuesday 9 March: Year 9

Wednesday 10 March: Year 8

Thursday 11 March: Year 7

Students will be sent a session time to attend their test once consent has been given and enter through the student gates where they will be directed and supervised to the test centre. There will be a short outside queue before the test, so it is advisable to bring a coat in case it is raining or cold. Please ensure your child has a face covering. Students do not need to wear school uniform for their visit to school for a test. Once the test has been completed, students will be supervised to leave the school site immediately. Results will be sent electronically once the testing session is over. If your child's test is negative, they can return to school the following day with the rest of their year group. Testing session times are as follows:

Cambridge: 09.00 – 10.00

Beverley: 10.30 – 11.30

Rochester: 12.00 – 13.00

Westminster: 14.00 – 15.00

Kate Pereira

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Young People in Lockdown



Hamish from the IGNITE team will be reading this Sunday at 8:10am on BBC Radio 4 service at the Wish Community in Ditchingham, an exciting new community serving young people from our Diocese and the surrounding areas.



Ignite Event – Friday, 5 March at 8pm



Shelina Guedes was a former St John Fisher student and has gone to lead a Youth group at St Peter and All Souls, Peterborough.

COVID TESTING CONSENT FORM

On our website click the 'Parent's COVID-19 Update March 2021' scrolling banner. Select the 'Letter from Headteacher' regarding COVID Testing in Schools from 8 March 2021 and access the consent form by clicking the link in Mrs Pereira's letter

