

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are all aware, I am really looking forward to welcoming back **Year 10** on **Monday 8th March**. Over the course of this week, you will have received a range of emails from me with information about the layout of the day and the allocated mentor time slots that your child will need to arrive on. Please ensure you go through all this information with your child to fully prepare them for their return to the Academy. On return, the students will be following their **week one** timetable. Timetables will be printed and given to the students.

Please see below a few notices for next week. I appreciate that this is a lot of information to process, but it is important that we get the initial few days right for our TBOWA community upon our return to the “new normal.”

- **Return to school video:**
Please see the video link below created by Heads of year, which walks through students the procedures in place for their return. This video talks through the entrance to Academy, shows the testing process itself along with a reminder of expectations for students.
<https://youtu.be/uisIVcQKEAc>
- **Uniform and Equipment:**
Please ensure your child returns to school in their full uniform. This includes their coloured year group RED lanyard. If students have lost or misplaced theirs, they can be purchased in advance on Squid, but also can be purchased on their day of return. Students need to be fully equipped for the day so that they are ready to start lessons.
- **Testing:**
As you are aware all our staff and students will be undertaking asymptomatic testing. Students will be offered 3 tests in our testing centre, supported by trained staff, prior to being given test kits to enable them to continue testing twice weekly at home (Monday and Thursday morning). Further information regarding these tests and how they can be collected will be sent out in due course. In the meantime, please find attached a letter providing you with further details regarding these tests.
- **Canteen:**
Please be aware that all students in Year 10 will be able to purchase hot food during both break and lunchtime. The timetable will be shared during mentor with students.
- **Set Changes:**
There will be several set changes that have been on hold during remote teaching to lessen the disruption and confusion with teams. These set changes will be on the timetables students given when they return.
- **Students return to the Academy:**
Please see below the allocated arrival time slots for each of the Year 10 mentor groups. It is very important that students **do not** arrive early or late. There is also **no** flexibility with the mentor group slot. They must enter using the normal main entrance on **Mallard Road** and will meet their **mentor** in the Rose Garden. It is important to note that during this arrival, testing and waiting period, students **must** socially distance at all times. Although students may find this challenging after a prolonged period of lockdown, this is imperative to ensure the safety of the TBOWA community.

10.6 - DHA	8.30am
10.7 - CCO	8.45am
10.3 - HPR	9.00am
10.4 - AST	9.20am

10.8 - BWA	9.40am
10.5 - JBT	10.00am
10.1 - LSP	10.20am
10.2 - LPG	10.40am

- **Asymptomatic testing information for parents and adults in households with children at school or college:**

Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. Parents and other adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles. Tests are fast, easy and completely free.

From 1 March 2021, members of a household, childcare bubble or support bubble of staff or a pupil can get a twice-weekly test-there are 4 routes;

- through an employer if they offer testing to employees
- at a local test site
- by collecting a home test kit from a test site
- by ordering a home test kit online

This is a cascade approach. Parent or support bubble will be a twice weekly program. Parents should apply in the first instance via employer as a first measure if in place. If not they can go to a collection Centre. 7 tests in a pack and two packs per person. Poole Leisure Centre car park (**BH15 1TN**) between 1pm- 7pm with no booking needed. Second collection point Christchurch Two Rivers Meet LC ([BH23 1HW](#)) and the Furlong Centre Ringwood (**BH24 1AT**). For those who are unable to travel they can be delivered at home. JW shared that this is a good intervention point and data demonstrates it works well. Parents should be advised to collect kits alone and not to bring others when they do so. Home testing delivery seems to be working well.

I continue to be proud of each member of my year group, and I know that they will rise to the challenges that may be ahead for the remainder of this Academic Year.

Please have a lovely weekend, and I look forward to seeing their faces bright and early on Monday morning!

Kind regards,
Rachel Pelling