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Dear Parents and Carers

I sincerely hope you have had the chance over the last six weeks to enjoy some family time and take a break and that you are looking forward to the new school year as much as we are.

We are now officially part of the Midsomer Norton Schools Partnership. This is a highly successful Multi Academy Trust, often considered the 'market leader' in the South West for school improvement.

You will hopefully be aware of the significant progress we have made as an academy since September 2019, much of which was highlighted in our final Ofsted letter, where we were heavily praised for our high expectations, our ambition for our students, how we had broadened and strengthened the curriculum and correctly prioritised reading. We are looking forward to working with the Trust to continue our improvement journey and ensure we are providing the very best education to our young people.

We are expected to test students using Lateral Flow Testing on their return to the academy and therefore the following staggered start has been put in place.

Wednesday 8 September

- Year 7 will arrive from 8:30 am and will be tested before starting their 'Induction Day' activities.
- Year 10 will arrive from 12:00 and will be tested before beginning their 'Key Stage 4 Launchpad' activities.

Thursday 9 September

- Year 7 and Year 10 - this will be a full school day.
- Year 11 will arrive from 8:30am and will be tested before starting their activities and lessons.
- Year 8 will arrive from 12:00 and will be tested before starting their activities and lessons.

Friday 10 September

- Years 7, 8, 10, 11 – this will be a full school day.
- Year 9 will arrive from 8:30am and will be tested before starting their activities and lessons.

Exact timings for each tutor group are attached to this letter.

Students should go to the Leisure Centre entrance where they will be signed in and tested before starting their school day. Students should not arrive early or late for their time slot. Any student who has not consented to testing should still go through this way to ensure they are registered.



Acting Headteacher: Mr M Lawrence BSc Hons.

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Students should arrive in full school uniform, as following their test their school day will begin.

You may have seen a number of reports in the media about vaccinations of 12-15 year olds. As it stands, no information has been shared with schools with regard to this and whether or not it is happening. We will keep you fully informed as and when the government shares information with us.

Testing aside, we are looking forward to a far more normal return to academy life in September. Most of the restrictions we had in place following lockdown have been lifted.

Yours sincerely



MARK LAWRENCE
Acting Headteacher

LATERAL FLOW TESTING SCHEDULE

Wednesday 8 September – Year 7 & Year 10

Tutor Group	Testing Period
7CP	8.30am - 8.55am
7NA	9.00am - 9.20am
7JHA	9.25am - 9.45am
7JM	9.50am - 10.10am
7VGA	10.15am - 10.35am
7VH	10.40am - 11.00am
10SS	12.00pm - 12.20pm
10KL	12.25pm - 12.40pm
10KW	12.45pm - 1.05pm
10ACW	1.10pm - 1.30pm
10JBY	1.35pm - 1.55pm
10CV	2.00pm - 2.20pm

Thursday 9 September – Year 11 & Year 8

Tutor Group	Testing Period
11RW	8.30am - 8.55am
11SC	9.00am - 9.20am
11RA	9.25am - 9.45am
11SMO	9.50am - 10.10am
11DHU	10.15am - 10.35am
11KM	10.40am - 11.00am
8VWI	12.00pm - 12.20pm
8JH	12.25pm - 12.40pm
8CC	12.45pm - 1.05pm
8NF	1.10pm - 1.30pm
8MH	1.35pm - 1.55pm
8AWN	2.00pm - 2.20pm

Friday 10 September – Year 9

Tutor Group	Testing Period
9SLE	8.30am - 8.55am
9SBA	9.00am - 9.20am
9KV	9.25am - 9.45am
9DSM	9.50am - 10.10am
9RB	10.15am - 10.35am
9DHW	10.40am - 11.00am