



Dear Parents/Carers

## Newsletter (39) – 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021

### Welcome back – Start of term

Welcome back to the start of a new term for all our students.

We are expecting to have it confirmed today that students will be returning to school from March 8<sup>th</sup>. Until we have seen the details regarding testing, we will not be able to plan the exact arrangement for returning to school. I will communicate clearly to families this week regarding our intentions. Obviously we wish for our students to return as soon as possible and safely. In the meantime, online learning will continue for the next fortnight as intended.

### Year 11 and 13 students

Year 11 begin their practice assessments this Thursday and Year 13 begin theirs next Monday. Both year groups finish these on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March. To confirm, there will be no live lessons during the days when students have practice assessments. The assessments will be posted out today with instructions.

I know exam students and families will be anxious to learn more about grading this year. We are expecting to hear later this week further about the plans for grading of GCSEs, BTECs and A Levels.

Yours sincerely

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