



Dear Parents/Carers

Newsletter (40) – 24th February 2021

Reopening of Schools update

As stated in Monday's newsletter, we will be welcoming all students back to school from Monday the 8th March. The guidance also requires schools to have tested as many students and staff as possible before return (testing is voluntary). This will take time to offer this to every student (see the next item) and year groups cannot return until this has happened. We cannot start this universal testing until 8th March. Please, therefore, be prepared for a phased return and not a sudden return on the Monday 8th March. We are aiming to get students back in as quickly as possible, but to do it safely and calmly.

When we do return, all the previous arrangements such as villages and staggered lunchtimes will be in place. Masks are a highlighted feature of the new guidance, so ensuring that your child has a good supply of masks will be useful. By early next week we will be in touch about how we are returning, how we are helping our students to return well both socially and academically after so much time isolating, and the arrangements and permissions for the testing. Some early information about testing is below.

Use of Lateral Flow Testing

To enable the return to school to happen, we will be providing a Lateral Flow Device test for each student and member of staff in school before they return. Once this initial test has been taken a further two tests are required at a 3 to 5 day interval. Since January we have been providing testing to those students and staff who have been at school supported by some amazing parent volunteers.

As you can imagine moving from the small numbers we have been testing to the whole school presents some challenges. To limit the disruption to our students' learning, and achieve a speedy return, we are looking for further volunteers to assist in testing. The testing process is carried out in a safe non-contact way with all required PPE supplied. There will be a small amount of training required online. Please [click here](#) to complete a form if you can help. Should you have any questions concerning volunteering to support the testing please contact Mr Tarrant j.tarrant@wgswitney.org.uk

Once the three tests have been carried out, we will move to home testing. Students will be provided with a home test kit. Further information on this will follow.

GCSE and A Level update

There is no new news on this topic yet, but we understand that information is expected on Thursday this week. We will keep you posted.

Highlighting good work and having fun:

WGS Instagram and Twitter.

We have an Instagram Account ([wgswitney](#)) and Twitter Account ([@wgswitney](#)) for Wood Green School. Please follow us for news and information about life at Wood Green. We are keen to share students' work and 'good news' via both platforms too. Please email office@wgswitney.org.uk if you have any news about our students that you would like to share.

Sixth Form Fun Time Friday Cake Challenge – More cakes of famous faces

Following on from our End of Term Newsletter, here are a few more cake entries with ‘famous faces’ ...



Donald Trump by Felix Green



Peppa Pig by Nadia Whiffin

The famous faces (just in case you didn't guess) were:

- Stan Lee by Katherine O'Connell
- Bernie Saunders at the Inauguration by Cerys Ireland
- Draco Malfoy by Bethan Langley
- Frida Kahlo by Madeline Blanche
- Paddington Bear by Jack Dobbs

All entries received a voucher for Hunters as it was too difficult to pick just one winner!!

Yours sincerely



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