



# Queen Mary's Grammar School

Headmaster: R J Langton, MA

31<sup>st</sup> December 2020

## Beginning of term arrangements – January 2021

Dear parent/guardian

It is highly unusual to be writing to you on a New Year's Eve, but these are strange times. Following the [government's announcement](#) yesterday about the changes to the start of term (to allow time for us to set up a testing regime), I have been liaising with the Multi Academy Trust today. More details will follow on the plans for testing (including consent) next week, but the headlines for the start of term are:

### 1. Staff training day Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January

- No students in school or remote learning
- Staff will be in contact with key worker or vulnerable students to make arrangements for the rest of the week

### 2. Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January:

- Digital form period during p1 on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> (Heads of Year to co-ordinate and to deliver the key messages to students); digital form periods each morning for the remainder of the week at 9am
- Only vulnerable students and children of key workers should be on site (from 9.15am); these will be supervised and will have access to devices to be able to carry out the same work as their teaching groups
- Remote education should be provided for all year groups following the normal timetable (starting from p2 on Tuesday) as per our [remote learning statement](#)

### 3. From W/C 11<sup>th</sup> January

- Vulnerable children, children of key workers and students in exam years only should be onsite
- Remote education will be provided for all other students in line with the timetable
- Mass testing begins properly prioritising the 2 tests for staff and students in exam years, subject to everything being in place

### 4. From W/C 18<sup>th</sup> January

- All students should be on site from Monday 18<sup>th</sup>
- Students to have their first test at some point during this first week back of teaching, subject to everything being in place

## Children of Critical Workers

The government has updated its list of [critical worker professions](#). Please complete the [MS Form](#) to let us know if you qualify as a Critical Worker and require your son/daughter to be in school in the first two weeks of term.

## Children who receive Free School Meals

We are making arrangements for digital vouchers to be circulated for those students who receive free school meals, for the time whilst they are not in school. Please contact us at the [enquiries@gmgs.walsall.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@gmgs.walsall.sch.uk) if you have any questions about this.

## Safeguarding and other concerns

We maintain our responsibilities for safeguarding and, as previously mentioned, will be proactive in monitoring students where there have been issues in the past. If any parent or student needs to make contact with the school

because of a safeguarding concern, they should so via Mr Collins (the designated safeguarding lead) through via [well-being@qmgs.walsall.sch.uk](mailto:well-being@qmgs.walsall.sch.uk)

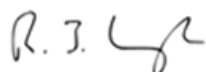
### **Behavioural expectations**

We continue to expect the highest standards of behaviour and conduct of the students during this period of enforced school closure. Can I ask that all parents re-enforce this, with particular reference to online activity via social media and other sources? If there are any issues, please contact Mr Brown (behaviour lead) at the school.

Please liaise with the relevant Head of Year if there are issues related to online learning or if you have a pastoral concern.

We are working as hard as we can behind the scenes to put things in place and I will communicate updates to you next week. I appreciate your ongoing support and patience.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. J. Langton'.

Richard Langton, Headteacher