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Dear parents/carers,

Welcome to the new academic year and I hope that you all managed to have a restful break. I would just like to share some of the successes from our Year 11 and Year 13 students who worked incredibly hard to achieve some phenomenal result! The majority of our sixth form students secured their first choice placements at university. We wish them the very best of luck in their chosen careers.

I would like to welcome our new Year 7 and Year 12 students especially, and I hope they settle in quickly. We are really looking forward to getting immersed in learning this term and returning to the classroom in a more “normal” way.

For your information please see our Lateral Flow Test 2 dates and times as well as return dates and time for each year group. All students use the main entrance to access the test site in school.

Year	Lateral Flow Test 2 date and time	Return to school date and time
7	Monday 6 th September 7A/S - 8.30am ,7T/O - 9.00am, 7N/M - 9.30am	Monday 6 th September 7A/S -8.30am, 7T/O- 9.00am, 7N/M- 9.30am
8	Tuesday 7 th September 8A/S - 8.30am, 8T/O - 9.00am, 8N/M -9.30am	Tuesday 7 th September 8A/S- 8.30am, 8T/O- 9.00am, 8N/M- 9.30am
9	Monday 6 th September 9A/S -12.30pm, 9T/O - 1.30pm, 9N/9M- 2.00pm	Tuesday 7 th September 8.40am all students
10	Tuesday 7 th September 10A/S -10.30am, 10T/O- 11.00am,10N/M -11.30am	Tuesday 7 th September 10A/S -10.30am, 10T/O- 11.00am, 10N/M- 11.30am
11	Monday 6 th September 11BS, IA, JG, LL, - 10.30am, 11MW, RG, RM - 11.00am, 11SAA, SSA, SW - 11.30am	Tuesday 7 th September 8.40am all students
12	Monday 6 th September Between 10.30am - 12pm	Tuesday 7 th September 8.40am all students
13	Tuesday 7 th September Between 12.30pm - 2pm	Wednesday 8 th September 12.20pm all students

From Wednesday 8th September all students will start school at 8.40am and gates will open at 8.35am, if students arrive after 8.40am they will need to come to the main reception to sign in, they will be marked in as late. All students will continue to sanitise their hands on entry. Masks are allowed to be worn if students chose to do so, however there is no requirement from school that students wear masks within the school building.

Please see below our new year group entrances and exits.

Year group	Entrance/Exit	Time	Finishing time
7	Main entrance	8.40 am	3.10 pm
8	Front car park gates	8.40 am	3.10 pm
9	Main entrance	8.40 am	3.10 pm
10	Back gates, Upper Sutton Street	8.40 am	3.10 pm
11	Back gates, Upper Sutton Street	8.40 am	3.10pm
KS5	Sixth Form entrance/Front car park gates (depending on form room)	8.40am	3.10pm





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Extra-curricular activities will start running as soon as we return, students will be notified of these in form time and a schedule will be available on the school website. Year 11 will also have a programme of additional subject sessions, known as session 6, beginning this half-term. They will run from 3.10 until 4.00 after school and we expect all students to attend. A timetable will be given to students on their return to school.

Detentions will also be run after school, you will be informed by text if your child is required to attend, please can you ensure that your contact details are up to date

I would like to take this opportunity to clarify some of our expectations this term, and let you know what we are doing in order to keep us all as safe as we can within our school environment.

Testing

After pupils have been tested in school twice on their return we expect pupils to use the lateral flow tests twice a week at home and reporting their results to the school by clicking on this link <https://forms.office.com/r/xBxaVVeXzQ> and also reporting their result to [Report a COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test result - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk). Students should not come to school if they have any of the main symptoms of COVID-19.

If students feel unwell at school at all, they should report this to their teacher immediately. If your child has symptoms related to COVID -19 they will be sent home and school will request for your child to have a PCR test before they return. It is vital that you check your contact details with the school to ensure that we are able to contact someone quickly if your child feels unwell at school as they will need to be collected immediately.

Schools are no longer responsible for track and trace within the school environment, and if your child is identified as a close contact, they will still be able to attend school, however they will need to take a PCR test.

Please see the following guidance for further information for parents from the government.

[What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

Although we are no longer requesting that students wear facemasks in lessons, we will still be sanitising all hands as pupils enter the building, after break and lunchtimes, and it is important that we are still handwashing on a regular basis. Desks will be regularly sanitised after lessons. It is important that classrooms are ventilated. We are a 1960's building with constraints for ventilation and our only source of ventilation is open windows and doors. We will aim to maintain a comfortable temperature within classrooms, however as the weather gets colder please consider that students will need to wear a vest/t shirt underneath shirts, or a plain grey jumper to wear underneath a school blazer.

Attendance

Our school attendance manager is Emma Smith and will be contacting you if we have concerns regarding your child's attendance. We will do all we can to support any child's return to school and any concerns they may have, and we want to support parents as much as we can.

It is greatly appreciated that the last two academic years have forced many pupils to be absent from school due to Covid-19 and factors very much outside their control. It was as frustrating for us as it must have been for you. Following the changes to government guidance, there will no longer be the need for large numbers of pupils to isolate following a positive case of Covid-19. Therefore we expect all pupils to be in school. The exception to this is where any child is feeling unwell or exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms, where it is necessary to stay at home and get a PCR test.





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Please be responsible and consider the risks to others, it is our responsibility to keep everybody safe. Self-isolation is not required whilst waiting for the result of a close contact PCR for children under the age of 18 years and 6 months, although we do recommend that if the contact is within the household that you do await the result of the test before returning to school. This helps to mitigate risks within school and keep everyone safe.

As a reminder any student who has attendance lower than 90% is classed as a persistent absentee and we will engage with any families where this is the case and seek to complete an early help assessment with children's services to try to support improved attendance. It is proven that low attendance is the main reason for low progress and those children who do not attend school achieve less than their peers. It is our responsibility to ensure that all of our children have the same chances of success.

Uniform

Please can I remind you that when students return to school they should adhere to the school uniform policy which is detailed in the school planner. Please can you ensure that your child is correctly dressed ready to return to school. Students should not be wearing make-up, including false eyelashes and nails, earrings should be small studs only, hair should be of natural colour, and no lines/numbers/letters are permitted in hair or eyebrows. Please ensure over the weekend that any of these issues are addressed before your child returns to school.

Year 6 Open evening

Year 6 Open evening will take place on Tuesday 14th September 2021, from 4.30pm-7.00pm. We will need to ensure that we are COVID safe, we are therefore requesting that only one member of the family attends with the child, and that face masks are worn and hands sanitised on entry. You will be guided around the school in small groups and there will an opportunity to talk to senior staff and take a tour around the school. There will also be an online tour of the school available for those who are unable to attend. Further information will be sent out at a later date.

ParentMail

Please can I remind you to download the ParentMail app as this will be needed for school messages and for you to pay for school lunches/ trips and any other items. We are now a cashless school and do not accept to cash in school.

Social media

Aston Manor Academy has Facebook, Instagram and Twitter accounts where we will be posting and sharing some of the exciting learning, events and successes of the school. Please follow us if you would like to receive school updates. We will send you more information later on in the term.

Yours sincerely

J Sweeney
Headteacher

