

13 December 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Please find below details of the arrangements for the end of the autumn term and the start of the spring term.

Arrangements for the last week of term

The last day of term is Thursday 16 December 2021. Students will follow their usual timetable throughout the day and finish school at the usual time of 2.45pm. In keeping with our tradition, students will be allowed to wear non-uniform on Thursday 16 December with something themed for Christmas, for example, a jumper, a scarf, socks or even antlers!

Arrangements for the start of term – January 2022

All secondary schools have been asked to administer Covid tests for students on their return to school in January 2022. To safely accommodate this, students in each tutor group will have different start dates and times. Please see below for details for each tutor group.

Monday 3 January – Bank Holiday and Academy closed to students

Tuesday 4 January – Staff training day and Academy closed to students

Wednesday 5 January – Y11 students return at these times whether or not they are having a test

- 11X – 8.40am
- 11Y – 10.00am
- 11C – 11.00am

Thursday 6 January – Y7 students return in the morning at these times whether or not they are having a test and Y10 students in the afternoon at these times whether or not they are having a test

- 7X – 8.40am
- 7Y – 10.00am
- 7C – 11.00am
- 7S – 11.30am

- 10X – 12.00pm
- 10Y – 1.00pm
- 10C – 2.00pm

Friday 7 January – Y9 students return in the morning at these times whether or not they are having a test and Y8 students in the afternoon at these times whether or not they are having a test

- 9X – 8.40am
- 9Y – 9.40am
- 9C – 10.40am

- 8X – 11.45pm
- 8Y – 12.45pm
- 8C – 1.45pm

Consent Forms for Covid Testing

All parents and carers will need to complete an on-line consent form regardless of whether one has been completed previously. All parents should have received a text message with a link to the on-line consent form. Consent forms need to be **completed by Monday 3 January 2022** so that we can complete the registration process prior to testing taking place.

Once students have been tested, they will return to their lessons unless they have tested positive. All students testing positive will need to book a PCR test and self-isolate until the result from the PCR is confirmed. A negative PCR result means that they can return to school, a positive PCR result will mean that they need to self-isolate for ten days from the date of the positive test.

On behalf of all the staff at Thornaby Academy, may I take this opportunity to wish you and families a peaceful Christmas and a happy New Year.

Yours faithfully

Mrs D Butcher
Principal