

WIDER REOPENING OF THE ACADEMY ON THURSDAY 11th MARCH

4th March 2021

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We are very pleased indeed to be welcoming your child back to school, and getting back to face-to-face teaching next Thursday, 11th March. Your help and support in ensuring students have been so well engaged with home learning has been invaluable and we thank you in advance for the continued reassurance you provide for your child through the wider reopening of the academy. We are aware that students and parents might have some concerns and questions about the return to school; below are important updates which you will find useful- please read them carefully. If you would like to discuss anything further, please contact your child's Tutor in the first instance.

Timings of the day

We continue to operate a 'bubble' system, with students from different year groups having different start/finish and/or arrival points, as well as separate Break and Lunch times:


Year group	Arrival time	Entry point	Break	Lunch	Finish time
7	8.20	Glass doors	9.25	11.30	1.50
8	8.20	MUGA	9.45	11.55	2.00
9	8.20	Reception	10.05	12.45	2.00
10	9.30	Glass doors	10.25	1.10	2.50 (3.40 on Thursdays)
11	9.50	Glass doors	1.55	12.20	3.55 (3.05 on Mondays)
12	9.30	Reception	2.50	12.55	3.55
13	9.30	Reception	2.50	12.55	3.55




Uniform and equipment

Our uniform expectations remain the same, please ensure your child arrives in full correct uniform. Full uniform policy and ordering details can be found on our website [Uniform Code & Appearance | The Quest Academy](#).

Please can you ensure your child arrives with basic equipment (pens, pencils, ruler and a calculator), you'll understand we're not able to lend basic equipment to students.

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Please help your child to find their exercise books in readiness for the return to school. As usual, it will be helpful to go through their timetable with them (this has been emailed to them, and a new paper copy will be provided on the first day back) to make sure relevant books and equipment are brought in each day. If you cannot find exercise books, we will provide new ones in school, but your help in trying to find existing ones is much appreciated.

Face coverings

All staff and students are required to wear face coverings **at all times** when in the building (other than when eating in the Dining Hall). This is a significant change from the Autumn Term as they will now need to be worn during lessons in classrooms. With students wearing these continuously throughout the day, we suggest your child has a couple of spare face coverings, so they can change to a fresh one as needed.

Mass Testing

Staff have been, and will continue to be, tested for coronavirus. Staff are now able to conduct twice weekly tests at home.

Many parents have provided consent for their child to have a test at school. Parents will by now know when their child is scheduled to have their first test. Students will have three tests at school, and will then be issued with home testing kits. Students will not be tested unless we have consent.

One-way system

We will continue to operate our one-way system in the building, this is to reduce congestion and reduce any face-to-face contact between students when transitioning between lessons.

Hand washing/sanitising

Students will be asked to wash/sanitise their hands, on arrival, and at regular points during the day. We have supplies of hand sanitiser, but your child may bring their own if they prefer.

We are always grateful for the support of the parents and carers of our students, and particularly appreciate your support over recent months, and with the above points.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming your child back to school and being able to focus on face-to-face teaching and learning.

Your Sincerely



Thomas Beecham

Deputy Principal
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