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Dear Parent/Carer

I firstly wanted to thank all of you for helping to ensure that our first week of testing has gone so successfully. The vast majority of students arrived at the time they were asked to and they were so mature even when they were anxious. I wanted to also publicly acknowledge the amazing efforts of our testing team all of whom volunteered to help out with what has turned out to be a massive logistical challenge.

I thought you might like to see how the test centre is laid out so that you have an idea of what your children have been coming into.



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Here are the statistics for the first test. It is really important that we manage the virus in our community effectively by ensuring that no-one starts school next week who is positive. So far we have had one positive test only and that turned out to be what we call a “false positive” because the student had recently been suffering from Covid.

Year group	% attending the first test
Year 7 WP	73
Year 8 WP	69
Year 9 WP	78
Year 10 WP	72
Year 11 WP	85

Year group	% attending the first test
Year 7 FI	83
Year 9 FI	88
Year 10 FI	84
Year 11 FI	83

Year group	% attending the first test
Year 12	80
Year 13	92

I encourage you to ensure that your children attend school for test 2 and 3 over the next week so that we can be absolutely sure that when everyone comes in on the 12th March we are as risk free as we can be.

On the next page are the timings for mass testing next week ready for our return on Friday.

Monday 8th March

Year groups to be tested – Year 7 and Year 9

9.00	C1, C2, D1
10.00	D2, N1, N2
11.00	Futures, C5
1.00	C6, D5, D6
2.00	N5, N6

Tuesday 9th March

Year groups to be tested – Year 11, Year 13 and half of year 8

9.00	Y11 Set 1 maths, Y11 Set 2 maths
10.00	Y11 Set 3 maths, Y11 Set 4 maths
11.00	Y11 Set 5 maths, Y11 Set 6 maths
1.00	Year 8 C3, C4, D3
2.00	Year 11 Futures Year 13

Wednesday 10th March

Year groups to be tested – Year 10, Year 12 and half of year 8

9.00	C7, C8, D7
10.00	D8, N7, N8
11.00	D4, N3, N4
1.00	Year 12
2.00	Year 10 Futures

Thursday 11th March

Year groups to be tested – Year 7 and Year 9

9.00	C1, C2, D1
10.00	D2, N1, N2
11.00	Futures, C5
1.00	C6, D5, D6
2.00	N5, N6

Monday 8th March – return to school for Year 11 and Year 13

Year 11 and Year 13 return to full time schooling on Monday 8th March.

Year 11 have been invited in for an assembly with Miss Thomas and Ms Hetherington and should arrive no later than 8.55 a.m. for a 9.00 a.m. assembly.

They will then be in normal lessons on the MFL corridor (and one classroom elsewhere) for the rest of the week.

There will be no Period 6 intervention sessions in the w/b 8th March. We are looking for these to resume from w/b 15th March. We are also planning to build in a Year 11 extra-curricular sports evening one day a week straight after school.

Year 13 will also have a welcome back assembly with Mrs Berry. They have had notification of this already.

Friday 12th March – return to school for Year 7,8,9,10,12

All year groups will be returning to school on Friday 12th March at their staggered start times. Please ensure that your son/daughter is aware of the time that they should arrive please and the gate they should be entering school through.

Each mentor group will have time together to reconnect and we are giving students time to catch up in a slightly longer breaktime from 11.00 – 11.30 (just for Friday 12th). Timetabled lessons will start Period 3. If your child has PE on Friday 12th please ensure that they bring their kit.

	Start	Finish
Year 7	9.00 a.m. Side gate	2.45 p.m. Side gate
Year 8	9.00 a.m. Main gate	2.30 Main gate
Year 9	8.45 a.m. Side gate	2.50 Side gate
Year 10	8.45 a.m. Main gate	3.00 p.m. Main gate
Year 11	8.40 a.m. Main gate	3.10 or 4.00 p.m. Main gate
Year 12/13	8.40 a.m. Side gate	3.10 p.m. (unless they have a P6) Side gate

We know that for many children returning to school will be both exciting and nerve-wracking. This is why we have planned for them to return on the 12th so that we can support the first day back positively and then there is a weekend for the students to regroup and get ready for a full week from the 15th March.

Attendance is compulsory for Year 11 and Year 13 from 8th March and all other year groups from 12th March.

World Book Day

Yesterday was World Book day and Miss Draper, our new literacy lead in school, provided students with a wealth of activities to enjoy.



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We are so looking forward to welcoming your children back next week. I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Sylvia Thomas'.

Sylvia Thomas
Principal of Banbury Aspirations Campus