



# HEANOR GATE SCIENCE COLLEGE

“Develop all learners to achieve their full potential”  
“Create a culture of aspiration”

Principal: **Mr S Huntington**



2 March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

## Return to school – Monday 8 March 2021

Firstly thank you for all your support with your child's online and remote learning. I am incredibly proud of the way our students have shown the resilience and independence over the last 8 weeks. I know it has been really hard for many to find the motivation to keep going but they have and they should be congratulated for continuing to work hard and not let this lockdown prevent them from flourishing.

Staff are really looking forward to welcoming our students back into school and getting back into our usual routines as quickly as possible. As we get ready to return to school I wanted to just go over a few things that will need considering over this next week to ensure the return to school is as smooth as possible.

### Testing

If you have consented for your child to have the lateral flow test you should have had an email from school informing you when this is. Please make sure you and your child read this carefully and ensure they arrive on time for the test on Thursday of this week. Getting the whole school tested is a mammoth task and we need their cooperation to make this work. If you have not received the email or there are any concerns please contact Mrs Wainwright or me as soon as possible.

### Masks

As you will have seen from the letter from Mr Huntington and Mr Jones last week, the wearing of masks around school and in lessons is now mandatory, as set out by the government in their recent announcements. It is important that you discuss this with your child and ensure they have their masks with them every day. I would suggest that they carry a spare to swap over during the day if necessary. All students must wear a mask unless they have a medical reason why this is not possible and we will need to be informed of this prior to 8 March.

### Attendance

In school the expectations around attendance and punctuality remain the same as before Christmas. We expect all students to attend every day and to be on school site, lining up outside J block by 8.40am at the very latest. As a reminder, the timings of the school day also remain the same with staggered start and finish times, with Year 11 finishing at 3.05pm. Attendance is vitally important for the year group given the changes to how exam grades will be awarded. We will be contacting you soon with more details on how this will operate at HGSC, but every lesson and every assessment will inform the teachers, so attendance and hard work will have a potential impact.

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## Uniform

Please continue to support us with uniform and standards. All students on 8 March will be expected to be in full school uniform and to be following the school rules on things such as jewellery, piercings, hair colour and nails. A reminder that skirts and trousers for girls need to be tailored and not close fitting or made from stretchy material. Please take time this week to check that uniform fits and that anything that needs replacing is sorted ready for Monday.

The usual uniform suppliers are operating online as normal:

Morley's (<http://www.schoolwearsolutions.com/>)

Karlspport (<http://www.ksschoolwear.co.uk/>)

Ties can be purchased via ParentPay for £4.25 and collected from reception.

## Mobile phones

A reminder about mobile phones in school. As I am sure you are aware, the school operates a no mobile phone use policy. Students can carry their mobile phone in school but these should not be used on site for any reason. All urgent contact with a student needs to go through reception.

## GCSE grades

I am sure that both you and your child will be interested to find out about the coming months and, in particular, how grades will be calculated. We are currently working hard to ensure students return safely on Monday 8 March and I can assure you that we, as a school, will build on our experiences from last year and the advice from the Department for Education, to ensure that we assign grades as accurately and as fairly as possible. We will be in touch with further details shortly but, for now, the best thing students can do is to continue to engage with their learning to the best of their ability and show their teachers what they are truly capable of doing.

Again, a huge thank you to you all for your continued support over the last few weeks and we look forward to the remainder of the students' time in Year 11. They are a fantastic group of young adults and the school is incredibly proud of them.

If you have any concerns or questions that we can help with prior to their return to school and beyond then please get in touch via the usual channels.

Yours sincerely



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