



12 March 2021

Dear Parent

It has been a real pleasure to welcome students back to school this week and all staff have been delighted to see our students. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support in assisting your child in their return to school. Whilst it has been some time since the majority of students were in the school building, this week has marked a return to more normal times as we all return to face to face teaching in the classroom.

As a school we are incredibly proud of our students and the high levels of resilience and adaptability that they have shown, and the speedy way that they have returned to the routines of school life. Students have risen to meeting our high expectations with regards to their approach to learning and focus in lessons enabling them to look forward to successes this year and beyond.

Uniform

A big thank you to parents for supporting your child and us in maintaining high standards around uniform and equipment. We understand the challenges at this time and appreciate the efforts made. As a reminder, our rules around make-up, hair dye and piercings remain as they always have been and we ask that students do not come to school with visible make up, including nail varnish or false nails and that piercings are studs only to a maximum of one in each ear. Expectations regarding face coverings remain as detailed in earlier correspondence.

Reading

A big thank you to students for participating in the events around World Book Day last week. This is particular positive as it underpins our school ethos which values the importance of reading. As a reminder, all students are expecting to have a reading book with them each day to participate in DEAR time in tutor time and lessons.

Arrival times

In order to support us with the requirement of staggered starts and reducing mixing wherever possible, can you please remind your child that they should only arrive to school at their allotted time. This is 8:35am for students in Year 9-13 and no earlier than 8:45am for a 8:55am lesson start for students in Years 7 and 8.

Lunch time arrangements

As we complete asymptomatic testing in school, Year 10 and 11 dining arrangements will return to the Theatre space. Sixth form students have the option to purchase food on site as previously communicated or off site.



Opportunities Programme

The Opportunities Programme will recommence on the 15 March 2021, and will be year group based. This has been shared with students during tutor time and a link has been sent to parents and students in order for them to sign up. Wider opportunities have an invaluable contribution to students' wider experiences and cultural capital. Please continue to encourage your child to take up this fantastic offer.

Testing arrangements

Asymptomatic testing has gone very well, with the last day of testing on site being 15 March 2021. Further details relating to testing including the arrangements for testing at home can be read [here](#). Should your child display any symptoms of Covid-19 then they should not attend school and you should seek medical advice.

Upcoming events

Year 8 Parents' evening will take place on Tuesday 16 March and will be conducted using the School Cloud online booking system. Following on from this, Options Evening for Year 8 students and parents will be on Thursday 25 March as communicated earlier.

Red Nose Day 2021 – Friday 19 March 2021

Every year the school carries out a number of fundraising drives to support local and national charities. Next Friday, 19 March we will be supporting Red Nose Day and full details of our fundraising activities will be shared on Monday.

We are hopeful that the summer term will allow students to take part in events such as Eco Day, Sports Day and that we see a return of rewards events that allow us to celebrate the many successes of students in the school.

Communication

Please keep up to date with our school website for dates and information about forthcoming events. If you have any questions or queries, please contact us at the school via phone or email at office@theacademycarlton.org

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,



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