

12th July 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Changes for All Students from September 2021: Start to Term

I hope you and your family are well and looking forward to the summer holidays. As we come to the end of term we wanted to make sure all our families were well prepared for our return to normal routines and structures at school from the start of September 2021. We have done so well to get through this year with so few cases and we are so proud of how supportive and resilient your son/daughter has been throughout. As you will be aware, the Government has lifted all social distancing measures from Monday 19th July 2021 and the Department for Education has confirmed an end to children remaining in year group bubbles. This is, of course, subject to there being no changes or updated announcements from the Government over the summer break. If there is, then of course I will write to you again.

We are looking forward to seeing **Year 7 students return on Monday 6th September 2021 at 8:30am** and all other students in **Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 on Tuesday 7th September 2021 by 8:40am.**

Lateral Flow Testing: For all pupils who consent in September

As advised by the Department for Education we will test all students who have consented to be tested for COVID-19 in the sports hall using the Lateral Flow Test week commencing Monday 6th September 2021 and a second time week commencing Monday 13th September 2021. Please see below an overview of when each year group will be tested:

Year Group	Test 1	Test 2
7	Tuesday 7 th September 2021 Period 1&2	Monday 13 th September 2021 Period 1&2
11	Tuesday 7 th September 2021 Period 3&4	Monday 13 th September 2021 Period 3&4
10	Wednesday 8 th September 2021 Period 1&2	Tuesday 14 th September 2021 Period 1&2
9	Wednesday 8 th September 2021 Period 3&4	Tuesday 14 th September 2021 Period 3&4
8	Thursday 9 th September 2021 Period 1&2	Wednesday 15 th September 2021 Period 1&2

As indicated above, this will only take place during their first and second week back at school. Following the second week of testing on site, we would expect all students to continue testing themselves at home twice a week until advised by Public Health England to not to. For information, we have written to all new Year 7 students and parents requesting they complete our online consent form. For Years 8-11 we already have your consent form from the testing completed in March 2021. If your son/daughter does not want to be tested they can decline at any moment.

Our Medical team of volunteers headed by our amazing staff nurse, Mrs Terri Chappell, will lead the testing programme. **Please can we request that all students who have consented to test in Years 8-11 to complete a lateral flow test the day before you come back to school in September in order to keep us all safe and to prevent any close contacts having to be sent home.** All students have been issued with lateral flow tests to last the summer holidays. We would advise that you do not need to test twice a week over the summer but once in order to make sure you have enough tests to last the summer break. Our privacy notice and FAQ about the data that is shared is on our website under Lateral Flow Testing by clicking on the link below:

<https://www.stgcc.co.uk/page/?title=Covid19+%2FSt+George&pid=253>

If your son/daughter will be in Year 8-11 next year and you **had not consented** to lateral flow testing in March this year and you would like to for September, please click on the link and complete the consent form **by Friday 16th July 2021.**

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=8mJRt-Dz8kini2H46dDMEVtp4Kq856dFtQ8gs_x24nRUNTY5UTNNUkNPNktDWTc0M1Q4QIRMTEMOSC4u

Structure of the College Day

From September we are returning to our normal structure of the college day without split breaks and lunchtimes and different start and end times of the college day. Therefore, all students should be on site and in their tutor rooms by 8:40am and the college day will finish at 3:00pm for all pupils. Break and lunch will be at the same time for all students except that we do have designated areas for different year groups to collect their food. Please see below the structure of the college day for next year.

TIME		ACTIVITY
8.25 – 8.40am		DUTY TEAM BELL WILL RING AT 8:40am
Tuesday Week A & B	8:40 – 9:10am	ASSEMBLY / TUTOR TIME NO BELL
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday Week A & B	8.40 – 9.00am	
Tuesday Week A & B	9:10 – 10:05am	LESSON 1 NO BELL
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday Week A & B	9:00 – 10:00am	
Tuesday Week A & B	10:05- 11:00am	LESSON 2 NO BELL
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday Week A & B	10:00 – 11:00am	
11.00 – 11.20am		BREAK TIME/DUTY TEAM BELL WILL RING AT 11:20am
11.20 -12.20pm		LESSON 3 NO BELL
12.20 – 1.20pm		LESSON 4 NO BELL
1.20 – 1.55pm		LUNCH TIME/DUTY TEAM BELL WILL RING AT 1:55pm
1.55 – 2.00pm		WARNING BELL NO BELL
2.00 – 3.00pm		LESSON 5 BELL WILL RING AT 3:00pm

The food points for different year groups are listed below:

- Year 7 Main Hall (MUGA – Year 7 Only Zone)
- Year 8, 9 and 10 College Canteen
- Year 11 Dwyer (Maths) Block

Social Distancing Restrictions Lifted/Face Coverings

Students can continue to wear a face covering at school if they choose to, including on the school bus service but there is no legal requirement for them to do so. Please note students will no longer be allowed to wear their jackets in lessons. We will continue to have hand sanitizer available around school for children to regularly wash their hands and we are looking forward to once again having assemblies and Masses during the year in our main hall.

Uniform

All students should return to school in winter uniform only. College photographs will take place on Friday 10th September 2021. A reminder of our winter uniform is below:

1. Black blazer with college badge
2. White shirt
3. College Tie
4. Black Trousers
5. Black Knee length Skirt
6. Plain black footwear
7. Black/grey/white socks
8. Plain black/tan tights

Parents Evenings and Mentoring Days - Next Academic Year

Following feedback from the parental questionnaire sent out to all parents, we are planning to offer a combination of either remote or face to face meetings for mentoring day and parents' evenings next year. Please see below the details:

- We will provide an online booking system for parents' evening and mentoring days. This will be on school cloud which you have used this year.
- All parents' evenings will take place from 4:00pm to 6:30pm.

The following meetings will take place face to face with yourself and the tutor/teacher:

- Year 7 settling in evening in September
- Year 8 mentoring day autumn term
- Year 9 mentoring day spring term
- Year 10 mentoring day summer term
- Year 11 parents' evening spring term

Online appointments will take place for the following events:

- Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 parents' evening
- Mentoring day autumn term Year 7, 9, 10, 11
- Mentoring day spring term Year 7, 8, 10, 11
- Mentoring day summer term Year 7, 8, 9

Other college events and dates taking place next year will be updated on our college website shortly. Please find link below:

<https://www.stgcc.co.uk/calendar/?calid=2,3,4&pid=3&viewid=1>

Mental Health: Where is help available?

Over the summer holidays and beyond we would like to recommend a free, anonymous, online counselling and emotional wellbeing service commissioned by NHS Hampshire, Southampton and Isle of Wight available to young people aged 11-25 years (up to 26th birthday).

You may have heard of it already, but please visit their website at www.kooth.com With no waiting lists, young people can access counselling from their qualified therapists until 10pm every night, 365 days a year, as well as accessing other key features of support such as an online interactive magazine, peer support, live forums and journaling. All content is age appropriate, clinically approved and fully moderated. Kooth has no referrals or thresholds and young people can register independently at www.kooth.com

Please also feel free to visit our website at <https://www.stgcc.co.uk/page/?title=Covid19+%2FSt+George&pid=253> and click on our Mental Health & Wellbeing tab. In addition please remember we have staysafe@stgcc.co.uk an email address available for pupils if you are feeling concerned for your safety, wellbeing or anxiety.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer holiday, and you all get a well-deserved break. We pray that we will return as planned to normality in September. Thank you for your son/daughter's positive attitude all year and the support you have given the school throughout the academic year. It has really been appreciated.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me on head@stgcc.co.uk

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J Habberley'.

James Habberley
Headteacher