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Dear Sixth Form Students, Parents and Carers

I am very pleased to inform you that, from Monday 8 March, Year 12 and Year 13 students will return to school to receive face to face lessons at the Nobel Sixth Form.

The school must offer lateral flow tests to all students and staff before they can return to school. The advice from the Department for Education on testing is as follows:

*“Home testing is being introduced for secondary age pupils (11+) students. It is important that pupils and students are initially supervised whilst swabbing to make sure they are doing it correctly. This is why testing will initially take place on-site, at an asymptomatic test site (ATS). Secondary schools should offer students 3 tests on-site upon their return. Testing on-site (via an ATS) initially is a condition of being able to transition pupils and students to test at home Pupils should return to face-to-face education following their first negative test result. Pupils not undergoing testing should attend school in line with phased return arrangements. Testing is voluntary; however, we would encourage everyone to participate in the asymptomatic testing programme to help break transmission links by identifying those who may be carrying the virus unknowingly.”*

Testing all of the students and staff in our community is a logistical challenge. An opportunity for sixth form students to take a lateral flow test has been built into the wider testing programme for the Nobel school. Students wishing to take advantage of this testing opportunity must attend according to the timings and instructions below.

### **Sixth Form Lateral Flow test – Thursday 4 March**

Years 12 and 13 are invited to attend to take their first lateral flow test. Students should arrive within the timeslot allocated for their House. They will enter the school site via the car park gate and walk around to the PE atrium entrance. From here, students will be directed to the sports hall where they will take the lateral flow test. The test itself only takes a few minutes to complete, after which students can return home. Finally, students will leave the school using the same route by which they came in.

08:30 – 10:00	Curie	12HON/PFT	13CML/MMI
10:15 – 11:45	Eliot	12HSW	13BLK
12:00 – 13:30	Mandela	12MBS/CGI	13GBE/SSS
14:00 – 15:30	Teresa	12LKE/FAM	13KMN/RKI

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Live lessons for sixth form will not take place on this testing day, but teachers will provide work via Show My Homework. Students in Years 12 and 13 will continue to work remotely on Friday 5 March, with live Teams lessons, and then return to school, assuming a negative test result, at normal time on **Monday 8 March** when face to face teaching will resume. I will send a further letter to update all students on our arrangements. In the future, sixth form students will be able to self-administer lateral flow tests from home.

Students will need to bring an appropriate face covering both for the day of their lateral flow test and for every school day following their return. We look forward to welcoming everyone back but please do not send your child to school if they have a high temperature, loss of taste or smell or new continuous cough.

### Timings of the school day for sixth form students from Monday 8 March

Form Time/ Year Group Assembly	Temporarily suspended
Lesson 1	08:50 – 09:50
Lesson 2	09:50 – 10:50
Break	10:50 – 11:15
Lesson 3	11:15 – 12:15
Lesson 4	12:15 – 13:10
Lunch	13:10 – 13:50
Lesson 5 (Live Lesson)	13:55 – 15:05 (Live Lesson)

For the remainder of this term, we will adopt a mixed approach to sixth form lessons, incorporating both face to face and virtual live lessons. Each day, lessons 1-4 will be delivered face to face in school, **and period 5 will be delivered as a live lesson through Microsoft Teams**. Sixth form students will not be expected to remain on site for lunch time and should return home in time for their live lesson.

This will help to reduce the numbers of students on site over lunch time, and it will also allow sixth form teachers and students to continue to take advantage of some of the innovations that are available through live lessons. There may be some exceptions where lesson 5 will continue on site – your teachers will contact you directly if this is the case.

If you have any further queries please contact me at school.

Yours sincerely



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