



7th September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all your support in ensuring a smooth start of term. We have really enjoyed seeing the students back in school and welcoming our new students. It has been very impressive to see their hard work, engagement and politeness in lessons and around school, especially given the very warm conditions.

Weather conditions:

It is of course ironic that after rather overcast and cool weather during the summer holidays we now return to school with a mini heat wave. Students are advised not to bring coats or jumpers to school on Wednesday, although they should bring a waterproof coat on Thursday and Friday in case it rains. They must wear their blazer to school but can remove these if they become too warm during the day (although they cannot wear a jumper or coat instead of a blazer).

Students should bring a full water bottle which they can refill in school. They are advised to bring a hat to wear outside and to apply sun cream.

School Uniform and Equipment:

Thank you for supporting our school uniform and equipment requirements – the vast majority of students have arrived with the correct uniform and equipment. We are working with a small number of students and parents/carers to resolve issues. Students are expected to be in full uniform before they attend lessons – where necessary we have clean items which we can loan to support this while an issue is resolved. Any students who are not able to wear school shoes for medical reasons will require a medical letter to confirm this.

New Staff:

We are delighted to welcome the new staff, students and families who have joined our school community this term. Our new staff are: Mrs Brewer, Curriculum Leader for Technology and Art, Miss Hunt, Technology teacher, Miss Al-Thulaya, Maths teacher, Miss Scott and Miss Lidstone, Teaching Assistants, Ms Stephenson, School Counsellor, and Mr Oliver, PE Trainee Teacher. They are quickly settling in and getting to know our students, staff and routines.

Coronavirus Testing and Protective Measures:

Since Wednesday 1st September, 7 students (2 in Year 11, 3 in Year 10 and 2 in Year 8) and 2 members of staff have tested positive for coronavirus. This included 2 asymptomatic cases picked up through our on-site testing programme on Monday 6th September. No students tested positive on-site last week. A huge thank you to the parent volunteers who supported our testing programme – we could not have done it without you!

We have provided additional information for the parents of students who may have had contact with positive cases on site. As you will be aware, close contacts under the age of 18 are no longer required to self-isolate and close contacts are now identified by Test and Trace, but we do advise that students who have had contact with a positive case on site test more regularly using lateral flow tests and monitor carefully for any symptoms.

We have also had 6 students attending site who have been close contacts outside of school or have household cases. Please make us aware if this is the situation so that we can discuss additional measures that can be put in place to minimize the risk of transmission before your child attends site.

It is really important that students continue to test at home at least twice a week. It is our preference that students test on a Sunday night/Monday morning and Wednesday night/Thursday morning. Please ensure that they are swabbing correctly and processing the test correctly to increase the accuracy of the test. You no longer need to log the test result using the school link, but please keep us informed at school of any positive cases as quickly as possible using studentsupport@aldermanwhite.school out of school hours. We would appreciate it if you continue to log results on the government website.

Please do not send your child to school if they are unwell without discussing this with us first, even if they have had a negative lateral flow test.

You can find details of our protective measures here: <https://aldermanwhite.school/covid19-info>
Keeping us informed about symptoms, test results, household cases and close contacts helps us to monitor the risk of transmission in our community and take-action as quickly as possible. Out of school hours please use this email address which is monitored by a number of staff: studentsupport@aldermanwhite.school

Enrichment Programme:

We will be publishing our Enrichment programme for this term as soon as possible. This will include rehearsals for our Theatre Company production of The Tempest, Band, sports teams and clubs, Languages classes, and a range of other activities. Students from different year groups will be able to attend enrichment activities together this year. Every student should aim to take part in at least one regular structured activity either in school or in the community as they are vital to character development and wellbeing and also contribute to academic success – but we know that many of our students do far more than this!

Yours faithfully,



Mrs A Mellors
Headteacher