

24<sup>th</sup> February 2021

## **Re: Getting ready for return to school from 8<sup>th</sup> March**

Dear Parent/Carer,

Following the Prime Minister's announcement on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February we are pleased to be reopening the school to all pupils during the week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> March. We know that schools are the best place for pupils to learn, as well as develop socially and emotionally, so we are really looking forward to welcoming them back.

Safety is of course paramount in our planning and in order to ensure a safe return for pupils and staff, we will be staggering pupils' return to enable Lateral Flow testing to take place.

Your child's participation in Lateral Flow testing keeps us all safe by reducing the risk of asymptomatic transmission and sets them up for the new home testing regime that the government will launch shortly.

We also ask that they come in for their testing appointment (1 to 2 hours) in full school uniform so we can iron out any issues before the full return to school.

### **Phased return schedule**

#### Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March

- Staff training day (school closed to pupils)
- Year 9 Webinar - Careers in Law 10:00 – 10:55 a.m. (All Year 9 pupils to join)
- Year 11 Webinar – Post 16 Options, London Screen Academy 10:00- 10:55 a.m. (All Year 11 pupils to join)
- Pupils will receive a calendar invite through Teams for the above events

#### Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March

- School open for vulnerable pupils and children of critical workers
- Year 11 and 10 pupils come on site in full school uniform for Lateral Flow Tests (Appointment times to be confirmed). They will be set work to complete independently when at home.
- Year 7, 8 and 9 will be set work in line with their timetabled lessons via Teams

#### Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March

- School open for vulnerable pupils and children of critical workers
- Year 7, 8 and 9 pupils come on site in full school uniform for Lateral Flow Tests (Appointment times to be confirmed). They will be set work to complete independently when at home.
- Year 10 and 11 will be set work in line with their timetabled lessons via Teams

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March

- Full return of all pupils to school

### **Year 11 Mocks Examinations**

Year 11 mock exams will now take place on site the week beginning the 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Teachers will let students know what to cover and how to prepare for these important exams.

### **Getting your child school ready**

Please ensure your child gets off to the best possible start by ensuring they have all of their equipment and uniform ready to go. Do check that their uniform still fits them! The key points are below, but please also take a look at our updated [Behaviour & Attendance Handbook](#).

Equipment – All pupils **must** have the following items:

- Subjects books
- Black or blue pen
- Green pen
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Eraser
- Reading book
- Casio Scientific calculator
- Face mask
- Water bottle

Pupils will be given a new planner and a printout of their timetable on their first day back. They can also purchase items of equipment from Student Services.

**Uniform** – All pupils **must** have the following items of uniform:

- Plain mid-blue single-breasted blazer with Compass logo on the pocket – this must be worn at all times
- Plain navy-blue V-necked jumper (optional)
- White shirt buttoned to the neck
- Embroidered tie in house colour
- Socks – grey, navy or black
- Plain black leather shoes with no logos
- Belts, if worn, must be plain black with a plain buckle
- Boys: mid grey (tailored, not tight) trousers; Girls: mid grey (tailored, not tight) trousers or Compass tartan/grey knee length skirt
- Plain navy or black hijab (optional)
- A plain school bag large enough to carry an unfolded A4 folder
- A plain coat

School ties can be purchased on SQUID and collected in school. Students must purchase their blazer and Compass tartan skirt from the following uniform suppliers: <https://price-buckland.co.uk/blog/compass-school-southwark-london/>

PE uniform – All students **must** have the following items for physical PE/sport enrichment:

- A Compass School PE t-shirt or rugby top
- A Compass School tracksuit top or school blazer
- Compass School shorts and/or Compass School tracksuit bottoms
- Light blue football socks (can be purchased from student services)

As communicated in the autumn term, all students (except Y11) must wear the full Compass PE kit purchased from: <https://price-buckland.co.uk/blog/compass-school-southwark-london/>. Year 11 students are expected to wear plain blue or black t-shirt and shorts/tracksuit bottoms for physical PE lessons. All students must wear their school blazer on top of their uniform if they choose not to wear the tracksuit top.

Please contact your child's Head of Year if you perceive there to be any issues in your child/ren having full equipment and uniform for their return. Please also let them know if Price & Buckland have communicated a delay in your items being delivered.

Thank you for your support in ensuring the school maintains high standards.

Yours sincerely,



Marcus Huntley  
**Principal**