



Pupils returning to school

We look forward to welcoming Years 11, 12 and 13 back to school on Monday 15 March. Year 10 will join them on Monday 22 March. Please see below for specific information.

- Y11 pupils and Y12 and Y13 students will return to school on 15 March, 2021. Year 11 will stay in school all day. Y12 and Y13 are only expected to stay on site for their lessons.
- Y10 pupils will return to school on 22 March, 2021, in addition to Y11, Y12 and Y13.
- All pupils will return to school fully on 12 April (after the Easter holiday).

As we welcome pupils back to school after a long period of time working at home, it is important that we provide structure and routine from the start. Therefore, we would like to draw your attention to the information below.

All pupils:

- will need to attend school in the correct uniform;
- should arrive at school in good time ready for the start of the day;
- will need to wear face coverings in all classrooms and all indoor areas, except when they are sat down in the dining hall consuming food or drink.

The school dining hall will be open for food and drinks.

Break and lunch time will be staggered in the following way from 15 March until the Easter break.

w/b 15 March		
Break	Year Group	Lunch
10:10 - 10:30	13	12:30 - 13:00
10:40 - 11:00	12	13:00 - 13:30
11:10 - 11:30	11	13:30 - 14:00

w/b 22 March		
Break	Year Group	Lunch
10:10 - 10:30	10 & 13	12:30 - 13:00
10:40 - 11:00	12	13:00 - 13:30
11:10 - 11:30	11	13:30 - 14:00

These arrangements will be implemented in order to maximise the use of available space across the school. In order to facilitate this further, we would ask that 6th Form students only remain in school for their lessons as far as possible. This will enable them to minimise the actual amount of time spent on the school site. It will also allow our limited communal space to be used by those students who are unable to leave the site when they do not have lessons.

Covid-19 Risk Assessments

For your information, Covid-19 risk assessments have been revisited and updated in line with Welsh Government Operational Guidance for Schools and settings from 15 March. These can be found on the school's website and by clicking [here](#).

All pupils will be reminded of the essential "Hands, Face, Space" message and will be expected to abide by these principles.

Check in sessions

The rolling programme of check in sessions for Years 7, 8, 9 and 12 has been continuing and will conclude at the end of this week. It has been wonderful to see so many of our pupils in school in person, if only for a short time.

Covid-19 Testing

The Welsh Government is making available Lateral Flow Tests for pupils in Years 10 - 13. The details for these can be found [here](#).

A video of how to do them at home can be found

here <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/health-56326456>

We have yet to receive the tests at school. However, we will inform you of when these tests are available for pupils to collect, **should they wish to participate** in line with the Welsh Government advice and guidance. Pupils returning to school on Monday are unaffected by test availability and participation.

Qualifications 2021- Centre Determined Grades

As has previously been communicated to you, this year's examination season has been cancelled and has been replaced with the requirement to award Centre Determined Grades (CDGs).

The CDGs will be awarded on the basis of demonstrated attainment in areas of the qualification content that a pupil has covered.

They are **not**

- predicted grades; or
- grades which appear on interim or formal reports.

It is important to recognise that this process relates to attainment demonstrated by individual pupils. The process will be underpinned by a rigorous quality assurance and moderation process. Therefore, it is important to note that departments and individual teachers cannot be influenced by any representations made on behalf of individual pupils relating to the CDG they might receive.

We are still receiving critical information and instructions from the WJEC examination board relating to how this process is to be organised. However, we have today written in more detail to the parents/ carers of students involved.

We wish all families a good weekend.

Cowbridge Comprehensive School Senior Leadership Team.