

28<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear parents/carers

Once again, thank you for your support of the school during this half term.

I am delighted that our examinations year groups have very nearly completed their assessments. We look forward to sharing well-earned results over the summer.

As the easing of lockdown progresses, we have been able to begin planning a number of extra-curricular activities, trips, etc. for the last half term of the year. Information on these will be shared with the students in due course.

As you are aware, the school has operated a surge testing unit on the school site this week. The unit has undertaken over 1000 tests for students and staff as part of local action against COVID. The results will be communicated back to you directly and to the school. Any positive test results will include instructions for self-isolation. Meanwhile, we would ask other members of your household to seek PCR tests if your postcode/household has been asked to by PHE.

When we return after half term, to help us continue to manage our COVID protocols, we have made some slight amendments to the structure of our day. Please check the timetable below for revised gates and arrival times. Timings for the end of the day remain unchanged.

| Year | Base                      | Gate                          | Current arrival | New arrival | Finish time |
|------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| 7    | Old building – English    | Gate 3                        | 08:15           | 08:15       | 14:50       |
| 8    | C block                   | Gate 1                        | 08:15           | 08:15       | 15:00       |
| 9    | Old building – Humanities | Gate 1<br>(previously gate 7) | 08:20           | 08:30       | 15:10       |
| 10   | Lancaster – Maths         | Gate 3<br>(previously gate 1) | 08:30           | 08:30       | 15:15       |
| 12   | Lancaster Business        | Gate 2<br>(previously gate 7) | 08:30           | 08:40       | Variable    |

We will continue to operate the school in bubbles, observe social distancing and maintain handwashing, etc. on our return.

I am pleased that our daily attention to students' uniform allows us to maintain exceptional standards. Your support in checking that your son/daughter leaves for school in full and correct uniform, including black leather shoes, is much appreciated. Can I please remind you to ensure that your child brings a water bottle with them to school each day.

A reminder that Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June is a training day and that students return to school on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June at the slightly amended times above.

Overleaf is some information on the northwest London vaccine programme that the school received this week which parents/carers may find useful.

May I wish your son/daughter a good half term break and we look forward to students returning for the last half of the summer term.

Yours faithfully



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## **Update for NW London on the vaccine programme and new variants**

### **Rise in new variants and the vaccine**

Across all NW London boroughs (Brent, Harrow, Hillingdon, Hounslow, Ealing, Hammersmith and Fulham, Kensington and Chelsea and Westminster) we are seeing a rise in the rates of new Covid-19 variants.

There is no evidence to suggest the Covid-19 vaccine is not working in terms of providing protection against variants, but it has never been more important to come forward for your first vaccine and ensure you have your second for maximum protection.

All our large vaccination centres listed below will be providing Pfizer vaccines from tomorrow.

Anyone over the age of 36 or can now book at [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk) or walk-in to one of our vaccination centres for a first dose of the vaccine. GPs are also sending invites so you can book in.

Walk-in availability varies, booking guarantees you a slot, services are open 9am-7pm.

### **Walk-in vaccination services**

The vaccination centres providing a walk-in service for first doses are open from 9am to 7pm daily (except Byron Hall and Brentford leisure centre - see below). Full details [are here](#)

- Brentford leisure centre, 658 Chiswick High Rd, Brentford, TW8 0HJ (Monday to Thursday)
- Byron Hall, Christchurch Avenue, Harrow, HA3 5BD (Monday to Wednesday only)
- Ealing - CP House, 97-107 Uxbridge Road, Ealing, W5 5TL
- Heathrow Vaccination Centre, Compass Centre, Bath Road, Heathrow, TW6 2GW
- Marble Arch Vaccination Centre, 86 Edgware Rd, London. W2 2EA
- Novotel London West, 1 Shortlands Hammersmith International Centre, Hammersmith, London W6 8DR
- The Record Store, The Old Vinyl Factory, 15 Pressing Lane, Hayes, UB3 1HA
- Science Museum, Exhibition Road, South Kensington, London SW7 2DD
- Wembley Vaccination Centre, Olympic Office Centre, 8 Fulton Rd, Wembley, London, HA9 0NU

You are asked to bring ID, your name and address and your NHS number if you have it (if you don't have your NHS number you can still walk-in).

Following your walk-in you will then be able to book your second vaccine at 8 weeks 48 hours later using [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk)

### **Second doses**

To help ensure residents get the maximum protection possible, we are bringing forward the date of second vaccines from 12 weeks to 8 weeks.

If you had a vaccine at a GP service, you will be texted inviting you to attend a new date. If you attended a pharmacy or large vaccination centre and booked your second dose through the national booking system [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk) – you will be texted to invite you to change your second appointment. You will need to cancel the appointment you have and rebook – there are plenty of appointments available to do this.