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Friday 3rd September 2021

Autumn Term Campsmount Academy Weekly Bulletin 1

Dear Parent,

It is with great pleasure that we welcome our students back to the academy for the new academic year. This week has seen the return of Years 7, 10, 11, 12 and 13 and we look forward to welcoming Years 8 and 9 back next week.

It has been a great first few days and has been wonderful to see students excited to be back and eager to learn after the summer break.

As you are aware from previous communication, Year 9 will receive their first Covid test on Monday 6th September and Year 8 will receive their first Covid test on Tuesday 7th September, testing times for all students have been sent out via ParentMail.

To ensure that we have the best start possible, on Monday 6th September work will be posted onto Microsoft Teams for Year 8 and Year 9.

It is important that students access this work and complete it independently.

Subjects that will be posting work are:

English
Maths
Science

This work will be located on the Teams called '21-Year 8' and '21-Year 9'. An English, Maths and Science teacher will post work, so make sure you look out for it.

Covid-19 Update

As you know we have faced many months of disruption and changes over the past year. It is vital that we continue to ensure procedures are in place to keep the students and staff safe, however there are many changes to the statutory guidance that we will now be implementing.

- There is no longer a need for students to be kept in consistent groups or “bubbles”
- Students will be able to move around the site between classrooms and can access all facilities they would have previously, including catering and student toilet facilities.
- Students will not be required to wear masks, though they may continue to do so if they wish. We do, however, request that students continue to wear masks on both public and dedicated school transport, as recommended by the government
- We will be continuing to use the one-way system in school as this has reduced the risk of congestion during lesson change over.
- Classroom layouts may also be adjusted to allow more group work than has been possible over the past year.

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- Assemblies and extra-curricular activities will resume.

This relaxation of control measures may naturally cause some concern. However, please be reassured that we do continue to have a whole school COVID risk assessment in place and this can be found on our website. To ensure continued safety in school we are:

- Ensuring good hygiene
- Students will continue to be encouraged to wash or sanitise their hands regularly. Permanent sanitising stations have been installed at entrances and by catering points across the site.
- Posters are on display within all toilet facilities and we have additional external hand-washing sinks installed near each of the catering facilities.
- Maintaining cleaning regimes
- In addition to our contracted cleaners, who are on site each morning and evening, we have appointed additional cleaners who will support with additional needs throughout the school day
- Ensuring good ventilation
- We will ensure that circulation of fresh air is managed whilst a comfortable teaching environment is maintained. Corridor windows will be opened sufficiently to allow ventilation throughout the building. There should be no situation where it is a requirement for students to wear coats within classrooms to keep warm.
- Retaining perspex screens. We have retained the perspex screens installed last year in those places where close face-to-face contact is required. This includes all reception areas and catering facilities.
- We will test all students on their return to school twice, with a 3-5 day gap in between tests. On the day of the second test, students will be issued a home test kit. Both staff and students should continue to test twice weekly throughout September. The government will be reviewing this process at this time and we will update you accordingly should there be any changes moving forward.

Following public health advice, we will continue to follow the advice of our local Health Protection Team. We will have an outbreak management plan in place should it be required. Ultimately, we will be led by the Health Protection Team and increase control measures only if it is deemed necessary to do so.

Please be reminded of the testing process:

- Test 1 requires parents to bring their child into school for their test and then to return home with them. We appreciate this may cause inconvenience for some families. Students should return to face-to-face education in school the next day if their test is negative.
- The tests will be self-administered but students will be supported throughout the process by trained members of staff. **Please note we have received different tests to those used during the testing in March and to the ones used at home. These tests (Orient Gene) require nasal swabs only.** Please share and discuss this guidance with your child in advance of testing. If you feel your child will be unable to undertake their own swab, please contact school to let us know.



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- Any students displaying symptoms will be asked to leave school and requested to take a PCR test. The lateral flow testing available is only intended to identify asymptomatic cases.
- Students will be asked to socially distance during the first round of testing only. Once a negative result has been received, there will be no need to distance upon their return to school.
- Any positive test results will be communicated to families as soon as possible by the school in the first instance. Negative results will not be communicated by the school. However, all results will be confirmed within 48 hours via a NHS notification directly to the mobile phone or email address given during registration.
- If a positive result is given, arrangements must then be made for your child to take a PCR test in line with government guidance. These can be ordered using the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>
- One very important aspect of this process is gaining consent to enable your child to carry out the test. Consent should be fully informed and given only after having had the opportunity to read the privacy notice. The notice and consent form are available to you via the link below: [Consent Form](#)
- If you have not already done so, you should complete this form to give or refuse parental consent. Please note students over 16 are able to give consent themselves and therefore this consent form has also been sent to Sixth Form and Year 11 students directly.

Please be aware that government guidance around isolation and close contacts of positive cases has changed significantly. There is no longer a requirement for close contacts of a positive case to isolate if they are under the age of 18 and 6 months or if they have had the double vaccination. For further guidance please refer to government guidance via Test and Trace.

Uniform

Please ensure you are familiar with our uniform policy for Academic Year 2021/22, this is available to view on our website via the link below.

[Camps Mount School Uniform](#)

We have made changes to the policy for school skirts:

If students choose to wear a skirt, our new tartan style skirt is compulsory for all year groups from September 2021.

Skirts must be of an appropriate length (i.e. knee length) and worn with plain black tights. Skirts can only be purchased from the Academy Reception or via ParentMail, any queries regarding skirts or to check stock please contact Sarah Stollery at SST@campsmount.com.

Please see the information on our website regarding pricing and sizing.

Summer 2021 Outcomes Update

As you know, the academy faced a great deal of challenges last year, responding to Covid-19. This has naturally impacted on our students, however we are pleased to inform you that our Year 11 and Year 13 students received the best results Campsmount has ever achieved!



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I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate everyone for all their hard work last year and we are so proud of the student's success. For those students who have continued with us into Year 12, this is the start of an incredibly exciting year for all of them and we look forward to working with them, and for all our Year 13 students, we would like to wish them all the best in everything that they do in the future.

Kind regards,

Elizabeth Browne
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