



# Haydock High School

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Dear Parent/ Carer,

Following the government announcement yesterday we have been instructed to change the return day for some year groups following the Christmas holiday. Therefore;

Year 11 will return on Monday 11th January. A separate letter will follow to outline plans for examinations (due to be held in the first week) and mock interview / results day. Year 11 must work at home from 5<sup>th</sup> January, work will be provided via teams or copies can be collected from reception. Students should already be revising for external examinations.

Years 7-10 will return to school on Monday 18th January. Pupils in year 7-10 must work at home from Tuesday 5th January until Friday 15th January. Work will be provided via teams. If your child needs paper copies of the work this will be available at reception.

The reason for this change in the words of the DfE is:

To safeguard the health of the teaching workforce and keep as many staff and pupils in school and college as possible, we will be making rapid-result coronavirus (COVID-19) tests available to schools and colleges in the new year. This will help identify asymptomatic cases - which make up a third of all cases - limiting the spread of the virus.

Testing, along with other infection prevention and control measures such as social distancing, can ensure pupils are given the best chance of face to face education.

With a phased approach beginning in January, testing will be made available to all members of staff and all pupils and students in schools and colleges.

The Government has announced that schools can use 4<sup>th</sup> January as an additional inset day to prepare for the new testing regime in school. However, as this is already a training day at Haydock High School, the additional inset day has been provisionally earmarked as Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> April. However, please be patient with us as this could change. Some year groups may be asked to attend school on this day.

As in the first lockdown, if your child is in Years 7-11 and is vulnerable or you are a Key Worker and your child is not able to stay at home, then the school will provide supervised study from Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> January to Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> January from 8:40am to 3pm. **Due to increasing covid rates this should only be used if there is no alternative.** If you would like your child to use this resource, please contact the school to book your child's place on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> January between 9am and 4pm.

More information will follow on the details of the testing and for year 11 regarding exams.

Please email [pabram@haydockhigh.sthelens.org.uk](mailto:pabram@haydockhigh.sthelens.org.uk) if you have any urgent questions or contact the school office from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January.

Keep safe,

Mr P Abram  
Head of School

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Executive Principal