



Bramcote College

A member of The White Hills Park Trust

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Dear Parent / Carer,

I am writing to keep you updated about how we are responding to yesterday's government announcement of plans for a staggered return to school in January. While this is having an impact on students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 we are expecting Year 11 students to be back in school as planned on **Monday 4th January** and following their normal timetable. We know how important this year is for Year 11s and are working hard to minimise the uncertainties and stress coming their way by maintaining our normal school routines for them.

I also want to take this opportunity to say how impressed I have been by how well the Year 11 students have coped with the mock exams and that I hope the Christmas break gives them the chance to relax and recharge their batteries in preparation for the challenges of 2021. The resilience of your children in such unusual times is truly remarkable.

Finally, there have been discussions in government about students and school staff being tested routinely for Coronavirus in school in an effort to minimise issues such as asymptomatic transmission of Coronavirus; we are awaiting further information and want to reassure parents that we will not carry out testing on students without parental permission. We will send more details to parents and carers as soon as we have more information and plans are confirmed.

We remain committed to the families in our community and look forward to seeing your children back in school on **Monday 4th January**.

With kindest regards,

Heidi Gale
Headteacher
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