



Returning to School

When will it be?

Starting from Monday 8th March.

It will be a staggered return, year group by year group.

We will test you in the school hall the day before you are due to start lessons again. This will be in your tutor groups and you will be emailed exactly when your slot is.

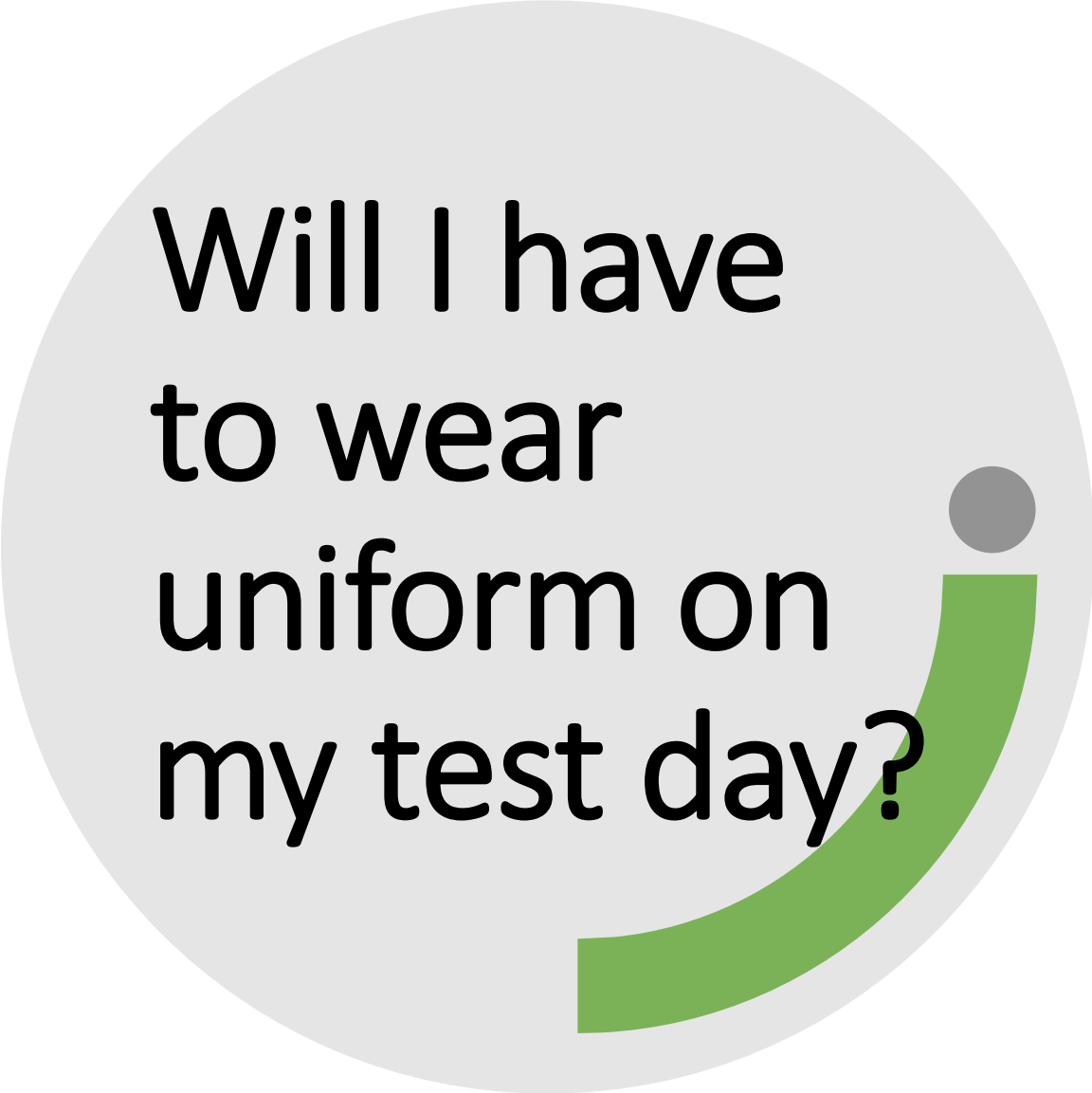
On the day you return you will have a digital detox day so there will be no lessons. There will be digital detox challenges to complete instead.

If your test is negative, you will then return to school for face-to-face lessons the following day.

What if my parents cannot drop me off and pick me up?



If you have to get the school bus it will be at the normal times and therefore we will set aside a study room for you to spend the day in while you wait for your bus



Will I have
to wear
uniform on
my test day?


**No, you may
wear mufti**

How many times will I be tested?

Three times in total, once the day before you return, and then another two times according to the following timetable.

Testing Timetable

	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th		15th	16th	17th	18th	19th		22nd	23rd
Y9				T & DD					T2					T3
Y10			T & DD					T2					T3	
Y11	T & DD				T2					T3				
Y12		T & DD					T2				T3			
Y13	T & DD				T2					T3				
Foundation Art	T & DD			T2				T3						
T = Test in the school hall in your tutor group.														
DD = Digital detox day so there will be no formal lessons.														
T2 & T3 will take place during registration and P1 & P2.														



What will I do
on my detox
day?

You will be set creative
challenges that will get you
away from your computer
or phone

What about
my lessons
from
Monday 8th?

Since your teachers will be back delivering face to face lessons that week, they will be able to decide whether they will deliver a live lesson to those students who are still at home for those four days, or they may leave tasks for you to complete on Teams instead.

Everyone will be back in school for face-to-face lessons on Friday 12th March.

Who will test me?



YOU WILL TEST YOURSELF




WE WILL BE THERE TO SHOW YOU HOW TO
DO THIS AND TO RECORD THE RESULTS



I have been in school during lockdown?

The school will be closed to all students on the 8th and then year groups will return that week, day by day after their tests have been carried out.

This means that if you have been in school during lockdown, this will stop on the 8th and you will then return to school when your year group does.



What happens
after I have
been tested
three times?

You will then be given
special tests to take home
and you will be expected to
test yourself twice a week

What will school look like?



The same as before Christmas, a one way system



Full uniform – this includes the correct shoes etc.



Armbands and year group areas to maintain bubble integrity



Set times for the café. 6th form to use during their 'frees'.

At break time, Y9 10.50 to 11 and Y10 11 to 11.10.

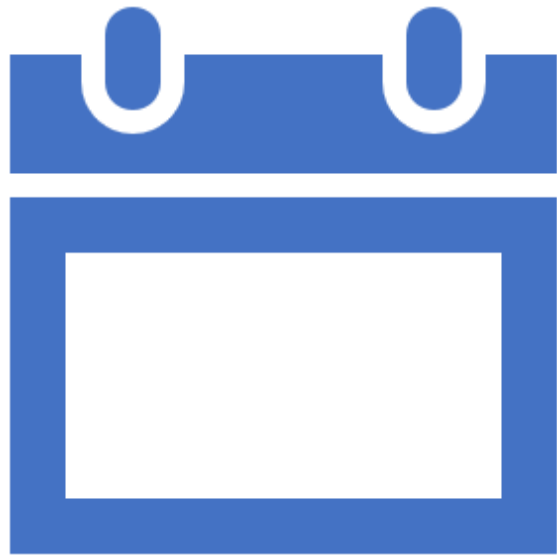
At lunch time, Y9 1.10 to 1.20, Y10 1.20 to 1.30 and Y11 1.30 to 1.40.



Set times to leave school, Y11 5 mins early, Y10 on time and Y9 5 mins later



Masks on at all times (unless you are exempt), even in lessons and only to be removed for eating or for when you are outside, over 2m away from others



What next?

We will update Y10, 11 and 13 about their exam grades (CAGs) as we are due an announcement from the DfE very soon (Thursday).

Why do I have to do a Ferndown Final exam – other schools are not doing this!

- ✓ We could use the information we already have on you to predict your CAGs but that would mean you would be graded on how well you have already done, or not done. So, in essence, this grade is already banked.
- ✓ You now have the chance to improve upon your current grade in a Ferndown Final – with the safety net of knowing that you have grades already in the bag.
- ✓ You are therefore lucky that your teachers are willing to set and mark these exams because you all have a chance to improve upon your November mocks – on average students go up at least half a grade in every subject between November and June. Although we realise that this year is unique.
- ✓ Also, going through the revision and preparation process will develop your skills and abilities so you will be better prepared for your next steps e.g. A levels or employment.

What will the exams be on?



We will set them, so we will make sure they are fair and on areas that we know you have covered well.



Or we will set optional questions so that you are able to choose.



We know you and therefore we know what exam to set, please do not worry.



Once you are back in face-to-face lessons your teachers will start to discuss revision topics with you and they will also start to deliver revision lessons.