



# Malmesbury School

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## The New Academic Year 2021-2022

Dear Parents and Guardians

We are excited about the start of a new academic year and we hope to experience greater freedoms as restrictions ease. We all know that guidance can change during the holidays but we wanted to share our current COVID related thoughts with you.

### **Self-Isolation**

From the 16<sup>th</sup> August, the legal requirement to self-isolate after close contact will end, for everyone aged under 18 and for adults who have been fully vaccinated. This means that from September, only those who show symptoms and await test results or those who test positive, will be required to self-isolate.

NHS test and trace will carry out contact tracing in all education settings. Up to now, this has been done by the school with assistance from Public Health England.

### **Protective Measures**

In line with measures for wider society, the Government has recommended that face coverings and social distancing will no longer be necessary, including in schools and colleges.

Whilst this is very positive news, we must continue to be vigilant and cautious in our approach to the start of term. Our Risk Assessment and Outbreak Management Plan outlines the control measures still in place at the start of term. The Government has suggested that control measures should remain in place during the Autumn in all education settings and they include practicing good hygiene, ensuring the building is well ventilated and regular COVID testing throughout September.

Local Directors of Public Health may advise a setting to temporarily reintroduce some control measures, in the event of an outbreak and these are listed in the Outbreak Management Plan. The Risk Assessment and Outbreak Management Plan can be found [here](#).

### **Start of Term Testing**

The Government has paused lateral flow testing during the summer holidays. However, they have requested that secondary school students have two tests when they return to school in September, followed by twice weekly testing at home until the end of September. After home testing, test results should be registered with the NHS [here](#) and Malmesbury School [here](#).



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## The Testing Schedule

Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> Sept	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept
Summer Holiday	Summer Holiday	<b>TD Day</b>	<b>Year 7 start school</b>	<b>Year 12 start school</b>
		Test 1 Year 7 (1:30 - 3:30) Year 12 (11:30 - 12:30)	Test 1 Year 10 (9:00 – 11:00) Year 11 (11:30 – 1:30) Year 13 (2:00 – 3:30)	Test 1 Year 8 (9:00 – 10:30) Year 9 (11:00 – 12:30)

Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> Sept
Weekend	Weekend	<b>Year 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13 start school</b>		Dismantle main test centre.
		Test 2 Year 7 (9:00 - 10:30) Year 12 (10:30 - 12:00) Year 11 (1:00 - 2:30) Year 13 (2:30 - 3:30)	Test 2 Year 10 (9:15 - 10:30) Year 9 11:05 - 12:35) Year 8 (1:25 - 3:00)	Set up small test centre for catch up.

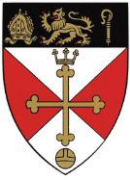
**The first test will be conducted before the children return to school on either the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> of September.** Please ask your child to head towards the tennis courts, at the back of the school, in time for their allocated test. Parking will be available around the edge of the one-way system in the main school, but this is quite limited. There is no need to wear uniform for the first test and students are expected to go home straight afterwards. The second test will take place when your child has returned to school. Due to the high number of tests conducted we will only feedback positive results to parents/guardians on the test day.

**Test 1**                    **1<sup>st</sup> September 2021**  
**Year 12**                **11:30 – 12:30**  
**Year 7**                    **1:30 – 3:30**

**Test 1**                    **2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021**  
**Year 10**                **9:00 – 11:00**  
**Year 11**                **11:30 – 1:30**  
**Year 13**                **2:00 – 3:30**

**Test 1**                    **3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021**  
**Year 8**                    **9:00 – 10:30**









Year 9

11:00 – 12:30

### New Year 7 Students

We understand that for most year 7 students, this will be their first steps in secondary school. We know this is likely to feel quite unusual and daunting. Please feel free to accompany your child to the tennis court area and also during the test itself, if you think it would help to provide reassurance.

Please also talk about what to expect during the test. **The children are only required to insert a small swab up their nasal passage and they will receive clear guidance on the day. The following illustration may provide some reassurance. Please note that we will not be asking children to swab their tonsils.**

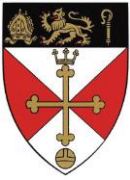
	You will be directed to the test area. Sanitise your hands using the gel provided.
	Blow your nose into the tissue provided. Put the tissue in the bin provided.
	Place the swab about 2.5cm up each nostril and swirling it around 5 times
	Place the swab into the small test tube provided. Wipe down surfaces and Sanitise your hands before leaving.

### Consent

We believe that COVID testing plays an important role in helping to protect our community and we hope that all parents provide consent. **We would be grateful if the parents/guardians of all students complete the consent form [here](#) before the 31<sup>st</sup> July, for September testing.** Please complete the consent form, even if you gave consent for testing earlier in the year.



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If you have any questions, please contact the school [mailin@malmesbury.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:mailin@malmesbury.wilts.sch.uk) Thank you all so much in advance for your ongoing support and we hope you enjoy a safe and restful summer.

Yours sincerely

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