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Dear Parents/Carers

We have reached the end of the Autumn Term in which many aspects of school life returned. Thankfully, the day to day life of the school has operated normally without the need for zones and bubbles. In addition to the daily school life of lessons and learning our students have seen many opportunities return that we took for granted prior to the pandemic. This term students have had the opportunity to work with a touring theatre group, enjoy a residential visit to Yorkshire, play competitive team sports, work with our industry partners at United Utilities and collaborate with students from other TCAT schools. Additionally, our full enrichment programme has restarted. It has been a joy to see the full experience of being a student at BCA return. Whilst we have faced some minor Covid-related disruption we have generally operated in relative normality. However, with the changing situation related to the Covid-19 Omicron variant I need to draw your attention to the start of term for January 2022.

### Lateral Flow Testing Schedule

The government is asking schools to offer tests to all students prior to the start of term. In order for us to do this safely we need implement a programme of lateral flow testing on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January. This means that the start of face to face teaching will be slightly delayed for our students. The table sets out below the timetable of testing.

Day	Time	Year Group
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	8.30 am – 11am	Y11
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	11am - 1 pm	Y10
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	1 pm – 2.30 pm	Y9
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	8.30 am – 11.30 am	Y7
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	12.30 pm – 2 pm	Y8

Parents and carers have already been contacted so that they grant consent for testing their child. **We will only test those students for which we have consent.** On the day of their scheduled test students should arrive at the school sports hall anytime during the allocated time slot for their year group. Following their test students will be free to return home to complete set school work and we will then contact any students that record a positive result to offer further guidance.

### Remote Learning

Due to our testing programme **face to face teaching will begin for all students on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2022.** The table below sets out how lessons will be delivered for each year group on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January. **It is important for me to emphasise that although face to face teaching will not commence for all students until Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January the start of term remains Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>.**



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Therefore if students are not attending the school site for testing then they should be completing set work or in an online lesson as per their timetable with their subject teachers.

Day	Y7 Learning	Y8 Learning	Y9 Learning	Y10 Learning	Yr11 Learning
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	Attend live online lessons on Google Classroom as per their timetable. <b>School day will start at 8:30am with form tutor calling register.</b>	Attend live online lessons on Google Classroom as per their timetable. <b>School day will start at 8:30am with form tutor calling register.</b>	When not attending onsite lateral flow testing complete work set on Google Classroom.	When not attending onsite lateral flow testing complete work set on Google Classroom.	When not attending onsite lateral flow testing complete work set on Google Classroom.
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	When not attending onsite lateral flow testing complete work set on Google Classroom.	When not attending onsite lateral flow testing complete work set on Google Classroom.	Students in Yr9 attend school for face to face teaching	Students in Yr10 attend school for face to face teaching	Students in Yr11 attend school for face to face teaching
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>ALL STUDENTS ATTEND SCHOOL FOR FACE TO FACE TEACHING FROM 9:25AM</b>				

### Devices to Support Remote Learning.

We are aware that a number of students will require a laptop or Chromebook to work for this short period of remote learning. If your child requires a device they can collect one from the school's main reception on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January between 10:00am and 2:00pm. They must then return the device on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January.

Although it seems we are once again facing a little uncertainty over the coming weeks I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support this term and wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Yours faithfully



**Mr Harris  
Principal**



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