

<b>Testing arrangements</b>	<p>The phased return to school this week is progressing well and it is wonderful to see our students and staff back on school site. Thank you for all your support in ensuring this smooth and successful phased return. On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021, we begin the second round of LFT so by the end of next week the third tests will also be complete. The table shows you which day the second and third <b>tests</b> are taking place:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; text-align: center;"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>AM</th> <th>PM</th> <th></th> <th>AM</th> <th>PM</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Monday 8<sup>th</sup></td> <td style="background-color: #0070C0; color: white;">11</td> <td style="background-color: #D3D3D3;"></td> <td></td> <td>Monday 15<sup>th</sup></td> <td style="background-color: #800080; color: white;">7</td> <td style="background-color: #FF0000; color: white;">8</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup></td> <td style="background-color: #90EE90; color: white;">10</td> <td style="background-color: #D3D3D3;"></td> <td></td> <td>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup></td> <td style="background-color: #D3D3D3;"></td> <td style="background-color: #FFFF00; color: black;">9</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup></td> <td style="background-color: #800080; color: white;">7</td> <td style="background-color: #FF0000; color: white;">8</td> <td></td> <td>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup></td> <td style="background-color: #90EE90; color: white;">10</td> <td style="background-color: #0070C0; color: white;">11</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup></td> <td style="background-color: #FFFF00; color: black;">9</td> <td style="background-color: #D3D3D3;"></td> <td></td> <td>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup></td> <td style="background-color: #800080; color: white;">7</td> <td style="background-color: #FF0000; color: white;">8</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Friday 12<sup>th</sup></td> <td style="background-color: #0070C0; color: white;">11</td> <td style="background-color: #90EE90; color: white;">10</td> <td></td> <td>Friday 19<sup>th</sup></td> <td style="background-color: #D3D3D3;"></td> <td style="background-color: #FFFF00; color: black;">9</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Testing will run across each day from registration to P5 and pupils will be taken to their tests in groups.</p>		AM	PM		AM	PM	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	11			Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	7	8	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	10			Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>		9	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	7	8		Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	10	11	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	9			Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	7	8	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	11	10		Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>		9
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<b>Y11 GCSE grades</b>	<p>We know that our <b>Year 11</b> pupils and parents will be anxious to know more information about the coming months. Later this week, Year 11 pupils will have a presentation during a form time session, and this will outline a broad overview of the types of evidence that could be used to inform <b>Centre Assessed Grades (CAGs)</b>, as well as what they can do to ensure they continue to work towards achieving the best that they can in their subjects.</p> <p>Ofqual and the DfE plan to release more detailed information and guidance by the end of March.</p> <p>As pupils return to school in person, our main priority is to get back into our ‘normal’ routine. Subject areas will have evidence to date, and these will of course offer an indication of the level that each pupil is currently working at. Importantly, <b>there is still plenty of time for pupils to continue to improve and for more evidence to be gathered.</b></p> <p>We will be sharing a recorded presentation with you in the final week of this term (week beginning Monday 22 March). This will contain more detailed information on the schedule for Year 11 after the Easter holidays, the sort of evidence that subjects will likely use to reach a final grade, as well as how pupils might use their remaining time in the best way possible.</p> <p>We have been really impressed with the vast majority of Year 11 pupils who continue to show such effort and pride in their work. A huge thank you to them and to parents who have offered continuing support and encouragement in what is a difficult and challenging time for them.</p>																																									
<b>Students on-site</b>	<p>For all students who are on site receiving their education, we do need to be notified if your child shows <b>symptoms of COVID-19 and/or tests positive</b>. Please notify us via <a href="mailto:studentservices@astreacottenham.org">studentservices@astreacottenham.org</a>. We will then put in place the track and trace process.</p>																																									
<b>Year 9 KS4 (GCSE) Preferences -</b>	<p>Year 9 pupils continue to engage with the KS4 preferences process (otherwise known as ‘GCSE options’). The <b>guidance booklet</b> can be found on the school website here: <a href="https://www.astreacottenham.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Options-Booklet-2021-1.pdf">https://www.astreacottenham.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Options-Booklet-2021-1.pdf</a> and</p>																																									

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## w/c 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021



### FINAL REMINDER

the **virtual presentation** for pupils and parents is on YouTube here:

<https://youtu.be/dWFXBSMmVeM>

Before half term, we had the pleasure of meeting parents and pupils to support pupils' progress and guide them in their GCSE choices. We are now in the process of organising and conducting **guidance interviews**, where they have been requested, to further support pupils' decisions. If you require a guidance interview, please contact your child's Form Tutor or the Head of Year.

The link to the **KS4 Preferences form** to fill in to submit pupils' preferences has been sent home. The deadline for completion is Friday 12 March.