

Dear Parent / Carer,

We are really looking forward to welcoming back Year 13 students as they continue their studies with us.

We have compiled a list of information to remind and highlight changes for this coming academic year. If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

College Timings:

Tutor Time - 8:45am – 9:05am

Period 1 - 9:05am – 10:05am

Period 2 - 10:05am – 11:05am

Break - 11:05am – 11:20am

Period 3 - 11:20am – 12:20pm

Period 4 - 12:20pm – 1:20pm

Lunch - 1:20pm – 2:00pm

Period 5 - 2:00pm – 3:00pm

Covid Testing: We are inviting all students to participate in Covid testing as per government guidelines.

In order to conduct testing, we must have received consent. Please complete this by going to <https://bhcet.org.uk/covid19/> and then selecting The English Martyrs Catholic School and Sixth Form College.

Every student who has given consent will be tested twice in the first week of the term. Year 13 will be asked to come into college on **Friday 3rd September** to have their first test. **Please see details in the covering letter.**

College will begin on Monday 6th September, and students will need to be in their tutor group room for 8.45am so that we can allocate key information.

As part of the extensive programme of support and development that we offer we have additional compulsory sessions:

Tutor Time: Tutor Time will now take place every morning and provides students with the opportunity to meet with their Personal Tutor, as well as offering a programme of sessions that aim to develop knowledge and skills that will support learning.

Study Support: This is a designated time when students are expected to be in a particular classroom to undertake independent study.

MET: Students will attend two, one-hour lessons of MET (Morals, Ethical & Theological study) over the fortnight. MET helps students to develop independent thinking and debating skills on a range of contemporary topics linked to morals and ethics, such as war and human rights.

PPD (Personal and Professional Development): Every Monday from 9.00am until 10.00am students will attend PPD. This session is used for a range of activities, from working in small groups with tutors to the year group coming together in the Common Room to listen to a variety of interesting external speakers.

If students have a free period, they are welcome to leave the site. We ask that students sign out at the main office for health and safety purposes.

Financial Support: If a student was in receipt of financial support during year 12 and believe this to be the same for year 13, they will need to reapply using the following information below.

Students may be eligible to receive financial support to help with their studies by applying for one of the many bursaries available. More details can be found on our website at <https://ems6.bhcet.org.uk/financial-support/>.

If you need to discuss this further, please contact our Finance Department on finance@ems.bhcet.org.uk.

If you have any issues with accessing your ParentPay account, please contact: finance@ems.bhcet.org.uk.

If you have any other urgent queries, you can contact Mr Roberts on drobot@ems.bhcet.org.uk.

We look forward to welcoming the students back on 6th September 2021.

The Sixth Form Team