

Re-Opening Update

Monday 1st March 2021

The government has announced that all pupils across the country will be returning to school next week. We are incredibly pleased to be able to welcome all pupils back to school for in-person teaching and to begin the work of making rapid progress through the curriculum.

Different year groups will return to school on different days, and the day before they return, different classes will be asked to come into school at different times for a ninety-minute testing, practice and information session.

On their **first day back at school**, all year groups will arrive through the **main entrance to the school** on Conybere Street for their ninety-minute session.

The following day, when students in that year group return for a 'full day', they will revert to using the normal entrance for their year group (Year 7/8/12/13 – main entrance, Year 9 – entrance by Portacabins, Year 10 – church entrance, Year 11 – astro turf entrance).

Mr Rimmer has made a short video which you can watch by [clicking here](#) to explain how re-opening will work, to explain the importance of providing consent for Covid testing and to share information about what to expect when school fully re-opens.

Please check carefully below for the date and time you child and their class will be attending school for their ninety-minute testing, practice and information session.

Tuesday 9 th March 2021		
Year 7	Arrive – Front entrance, reception side	Depart – Front entrance, reception side
7 Boulton 1	0830	1000
7 Boulton 2	0930	1100
7 Murdoch 3	1030	1200
7 Murdoch 4	1130	1300
7 Watt 5	1230	1400
7 Watt 6	1330	1500

Tuesday 9 th March 2021		
Year 8	Arrive – Front entrance, steps side	Arrive – Front entrance, steps side
8 Boulton 1	1330	1500
8 Boulton 2	1230	1400
8 Murdoch 3	1130	1300
8 Murdoch 4	1030	1200
8 Watt 5	0930	1100
8 Watt 6	0830	1500

Wednesday 10 th March 2021		
Year 9	Arrive – Front entrance, reception side	Depart – Front entrance, reception side
9 Boulton 1	0830	1000
9 Boulton 2	0930	1100
9 Murdoch 3	1030	1200
9 Murdoch 4	1130	1300
9 Watt 5	1230	1400

Wednesday 10 th March 2021		
Year 10	Arrive – Front entrance, steps side	Arrive – Front entrance, steps side
10 Boulton 1	1230	1400
10 Boulton 2	1130	1300
10 Murdoch 3	1030	1200
10 Murdoch 4	0930	1100
10 Watt 5	0830	1000

Thursday 11 th March 2021		
Year 11	Arrive – Front entrance, reception side	Depart – Front entrance, reception side
11 Boulton 1	0830	1100
11 Boulton 2	1030	1200
11 Murdoch 3	1230	1400
11 Murdoch 4	1130	1300
11 Watt 5	0930	1100

Thursday 11 th March 2021		
Year 12	Arrive – Front entrance, steps side	Arrive – Front entrance, steps side
12 Aston	0830	1000
12 Birmingham	0930	1100
12 Cambridge	0930	1100
12 Edinburgh	1030	1200
12 Warwick	1030	1200

Thursday 11 th March 2021		
Year 13	Arrive – Front entrance, steps side	Arrive – Front entrance, steps side
13 Bristol	1130	1300
13 Leeds	1130	1300
13 Oxford	1230	1400
13 Sheffield	1230	1400

You can also [click here](#) to read the letter Mr Rimmer has written to parents of pupils in each year group.

Mr Rimmer will also be hosting another [Live Event](#) online on Wednesday afternoon at 5pm. In this event, Mr Rimmer will provide further information about re-opening, in addition to providing updates around other matters including exams in Year 11 and Sixth Form, as well as answering as many of your questions as possible.

Please note that our **community classroom will close this Thursday, 4th March 2021**, with Friday 5th and Monday 8th March 2021 designated teacher training days as we make final preparations for re-opening.

However, **remote learning will continue throughout this week and next week**, right up until your child's first full day back at the academy. On the day they are coming in for their test, they will still have remote learning to complete when they are not in school.

If you have any questions or concerns around plans for the re-opening of the school, please email info@arkstalbans.org.

We are very much looking forward to seeing all pupils back in school.