



7 September 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians

As promised another update with a few more details to help you support your sons and daughters at the start of the new school year.

As well as welcoming our year 7 pupils, I was delighted to welcome a number of new members of staff. To support the COVID recovery programme we have expanded our team and I am pleased to introduce to you the following new staff:

Ms Sarah Jarvis, Assistant Principal Pastoral
Miss Hannah Lucas, Drama Teacher
Mr Jonathan Nichols, RE & Ethics Leader
Miss Eleanor Bridges, English Teacher
Miss Rebecca Davies, Science Teacher
Miss Emily Woods, PE Teacher
Ms Bethany Clark, Art Teacher
Mr Robert Arger, Careers and Guidance Co-ordinator
Miss Maria Farrugia, Cover Supervisor
Mrs Shirley McGowan, Assistant SENCo
Mr Gary Keeble, Weekend Caretaker

You can find a full staff list on the website [here](#), and you can find details of how to contact our pastoral leaders and heads of departments [here](#).

LF Testing

I am pleased to let you know that the Lateral Flow testing has gone very well with the new tests being much quicker and more efficient to administer. From next week, we would strongly urge you to test your child twice weekly and we will be issuing the testing kits shortly. I am enclosing a list of FAQs, that relate to the new COVID guidelines and I hope you will find this useful.

Homework

Homework will be in full swing for all year groups from Monday 13 September 2021. Details of your child's homework assignments will be posted on ClassCharts allowing you to see what they need to do. Some of the homework will be assigned to pupils via Microsoft Teams. It is important that all our pupils maintain their confidence using this system just in case they have to isolate, or we have to switch to remote education. We will mainly be using this platform in those situations.



ClassCharts

You will receive the Parent log in code for ClassCharts via post in the next couple of days, if your child has just started Lynn Grove Academy (new year 7's). If you are not currently using the App and would like the log in details, please let us know via the enquiries email address.

Please check ClassCharts regularly as it is a very good way for us to get messages to you quickly. We will not be issuing pupils with a planner this year as we feel that the use of technology has made them largely redundant. I would like to remind you that if you or your child have any difficulty using the school IT platforms please contact Assistant Principal Nick Jones via email Nick.jones@lynngroveacademy.org.uk and he will arrange for some support for you.

Important dates and Parent Handbook

Important dates for this term can be found on the School Website [here](#). We have added an online version of the Parent Handbook to the website, which you can find [here](#). There are a small number of updates in the Parent Handbook and we would be grateful if you could cast your eye over it. You will be receiving a printed copy towards the end of the month.

Best wishes

A L Mobbs
Principal