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Dear parent/carers

As we draw close to the end of the academic year, I wanted to express my admiration for our year 12 students regarding their continued resilience and dedication to studies during the past year. They are a credit to our sixth form.

In light of recent announcements regarding the lifting of COVID restrictions, we propose to return to a more familiar routine and setting for our sixth form after the summer break.

Year 13 students will need to be COVID tested on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. Once tested, students must leave the building and prepare to return on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September. Please [click here](#) to make an appointment. If your child attended an LFD Test in March of this year, you do not need to complete the [consent form](#) (if they are new to testing, then the consent form will need to be printed and brought in on the day of the LDD Test). The privacy notice can be found on our website [www.cowesec.org](http://www.cowesec.org)

Please see below for a summary of the many changes that will be in place from September:

- First day of teaching and learning for year 13 will be Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September. Timetables and tutor rooms will be allocated on this day.
- We expect students to arrive by 8:30am and remain within the school building for the duration of the academy day (with the exception of sanctioned Charter activities) to ensure effective study and subject specialist support is available in this crucial academic year.
- Students will have full access to the academy building- year group bubbles will no longer be in operation.
- Students will enter and exit the building via reception and will require their ID card on a lanyard to fulfil our safeguarding protocols and utilise the electronic door entry system, access canteen and IT facilities. Replacement cards are available via SCOPAY.
- Canteen facilities will be available in the main canteen area and will be via a cashless system on SCOPAY.
- There will be an abundance of sixth form only areas including the sixth form study area in the library and other locations, sixth form common room and collaborative study spaces.
- Please ensure adherence to the dress code (attached) to maintain a professional and studious attitude and appearance within the academy building.
- University and apprenticeship application support will continue during allocated tutor times including bespoke one to one and small group sessions.
- Curriculum expectations and requirements increase markedly in year 13. The sixth form pastoral team will be available to offer support and guidance including time management, well-being, academic excellence, careers and effective study skills advice and information.

All subject tutors have compiled comprehensive bridging work to be completed over August to ensure continued progress and maintain learning pace. It is vital that continued study takes place during the summer in order to achieve the aspirational goals our students have set for themselves.

I look forward to welcoming our new year 13 back for the next academic year in much more certain circumstances with a renewed optimism and vigour for the challenges and excitement ahead.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'DSB', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David Sanchez-Brown  
Assistant Principal and Head of Sixth Form