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Urmston Grammar

A Science and Language College with Academy status



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## Start of Term Arrangements - January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

VAT Registration Number: 120 1656 61

As you may well be aware, there have been a number last minute updates and arrangements announced by the government regarding the start of the next term for all secondary schools. I would like to take this opportunity to clarify the arrangements for Urmston Grammar School as well as possible at this stage.

School will reopen on Monday January 4<sup>th</sup> for Years 11 and 13 who will have their usual timetable of face to face lessons. Year 12 are due to complete their mocks during this week and we still intend for this to be the case. Miss Lingwood (Head of Sixth Form) will clarify these arrangements in a separate letter later today.

Students in Years 7 to 10 will conduct remote learning from home. They will have their usual timetable of lessons, and should check Show My Homework and their school email account regularly during the week for instructions. Many of these lessons will be delivered live through MS Teams. Please be aware that this will be a Week B on students' timetables.

There will be provision in school for students in Years 7 to 10 who are classed as vulnerable. We will also be open for the children of critical workers, however as the majority of students in secondary school are of an age where they can supervise themselves at home it is expected that these numbers will be minimal. If you feel your son/daughter falls into one of the above categories and would like them to attend school from January 4<sup>th</sup> please complete the online form here by Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> January.

As has been the case since the start of the pandemic, all the plans outlined above are subject to change if national guidance is updated. Should these start of term arrangements need amending you will of course be informed in a timely manner. In the new year we will provide further information to all parents and carers regarding our plans to offer routine COVID-19 testing to students in school.

Wishing you and your families the very best for a safe and enjoyable Christmas period.

Yours sincerely,

Mr T Kennedy-Fowler Deputy Headteacher



