



Principal: Dr Katharine Vincent

Friday 21st January 2022

Dear parents and carers,

I hope that you and your families and friends are keeping well during this time. Please find below some important updates about the work of the school.

Parent governor elections

We currently have two vacancies for parent governors at the school. A letter will be sent to you next week through the post with further information about this. I would to ask that all parents and carers consider becoming a governor. This is a great opportunity to become more involved with the school and to have a role in its future development. Please contact the school if you would like any more information about this: info@mulberryutc.org.

UCAS applications

The majority of Year 13 students have now completed their university applications via UCAS. I would like to thank all of our staff for the huge amount of support they have provided for students in relation to this. We are extremely proud of the fantastic destinations secured by our students. The final deadline set by UCAS is Wednesday 26th January. All students must have submitted their online applications by then or they will be treated by UCAS as late applications.

January Exams

The January exams ran very smoothly and I was impressed by students' preparation and motivation. Results of these exams will be received in March and we will give these out to students as soon as they are received by the school. The next important milestone for our students is the second set of mock exams which will start on Monday 21st February. Please encourage students to start preparing now and to use the February half term break to continue with their revision.

Face-masks

As you will be aware, the government have recently changed their guidance in relation to the wearing of face-masks in schools. As a result, we are no longer requiring students to wear face-masks in lessons. Students and staff are still required to wear face-masks in corridors and other parts of the school building, unless they are exempt. We will notify you if this changes.



Changes to minimum isolation period for confirmed cases

As explained in my previous letter, the government have reduced the minimum isolation period from seven days to five days. As a result, people self-isolating with Covid-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6. All test results should be [reported to NHS Test and Trace](#). Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.

Lateral flow testing

Please ensure you are continuing to test twice weekly at home. Any students who are a close contact of a confirmed case, or anyone with a confirmed case within the household, should test every day for 7 days while continuing to attend school as normal. Students and staff should report results immediately online: <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>.

Changes to requirements for confirmatory PCR tests

As you will be aware, the government have temporarily removed the requirement for a confirmatory PCR test following a positive lateral flow test result. Anyone who receives a positive lateral flow test should assume they are infectious and isolate in line with government guidance. They can then return to school or work once they have two negative test results 24 hours apart after day 6.

Open Evening – Thursday 10th March

Our next Open Evening of the year will take place on Thursday 10th March at 4.30-6.30pm. This will be a face to face event, and we are very much looking forward to welcoming prospective students to the school on that day. Please encourage current Year 11 students to attend and please share the date with any friends or family who you know are interested in joining the school next year. The link to sign up for Open Evening will be found on the Mulberry UTC website.

Thank you for all your ongoing support for the school.

Yours sincerely,

Dr K Vincent

Principal