

Dear Parents and Carers

Starting term at Kimberley College September 2021.

I am writing to update you regarding the start of term now that we are able to so following consideration of the current local and national picture.

Schools and Colleges are asked to provide students with two lateral flow tests onsite, and these should be offered three to five days apart. To keep our college community safe, we are keen for as many students as possible take up this opportunity.

Please find a link to book a lateral flow test on site on Thursday 2nd September and also provide consent by clicking the link below to complete the form. Learners in post 16 provision do not need parental/carer consent, they can complete the form themselves.

Booking system, click here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/lateral-flow-device-test-1-tickets-167707857717>

Consent form, click here: <https://forms.office.com/r/qPdFDaHGUp>

Your child should not come in for testing, or into school if they have COVID symptoms.

Schedule for start of term

	Year 12	Year 13
WEEK 2 Wed 1st September	Staff training day.	
Thurs 2 nd September	<p><i>Lateral flow testing onsite</i></p> <p>Finger printing</p> <p>Chance to tour the college. Opportunity for completion of CAT tests (for students who have not previously undertaken one)</p> <p>Return home.</p> <p>Please book appointment in either of the morning sessions where possible.</p>	<p><i>Lateral flow testing onsite</i> and then return home.</p> <p>Please book appointment in either the late morning or afternoon session where possible.</p>
Fri 3 rd September	<p>In college.</p> <p>Students will be invited in for a half day (either 8.35am-12pm or 11.30am-3pm). The focus will be on developing support, study skills and preparing to be a successful Kimberley College Student</p> <p><i>Catch up lateral flow tests</i></p>	<p><i>Catch up lateral flow tests</i></p>

Sun 5 th September	<i>Lateral flow testing in the afternoon</i>	
WEEK 1 Mon 6 th September	Normal lessons. <i>Catch up lateral flow tests</i>	Normal lessons. <i>Catch up lateral flow tests</i>

Below is an explanation of our plans for all year groups as well as answers to Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs):

Wednesday 1 September

This is a training day for all staff, and no students will be expected on site.

Thursday 2 September

We will run Lateral Flow Tests for all year 12 and 13 students on site. We would encourage Year 12 Students to book in either of the morning sessions.

Year 13 students - Once their test has been processed your child should return home. Although the college will be open to resolve any enquiries students may have.

Year 12 students - We are offering an opportunity for a tour of the college after they have completed their lateral flow test. Parents and carers are welcome to join this with their child should they wish.

Students joining from schools other than Wootton Upper (and a small number of Wootton Upper School pupils), will be invited to complete an online CAT test onsite. These are cognitive tests, undertaken by students and are taken to help students and teachers understand more about the academic strengths and weaknesses of each learner. Students will need to bring in their own headphones (they must be wired headphones that plug into a computer) for this online test. If your son/daughter has not completed a CAT test previously, a link to their individual test will be emailed to them prior to the start of term. Year 12 students will be able to remain on site to complete their CAT test immediately after they have undertaken their lateral flow test. As a guide, it takes on average two hours to complete the CAT test, hence the request for year 12 students to book lateral flow tests earlier in the day.

Please be aware that we will be sending further communication to our new Year 12 students early next week regarding additional start of term arrangements including updated transport arrangements, student bursary and arrangements for the induction day on Friday 3rd September.

Friday 3 September – Half day in College for all Year 12 students.

We will communicate with students beforehand to let them know if they should come in for the AM or PM session.

AM SESSION	8.30am-9.00am	9.00am-10.15am	10.15am-11.30am	11.30am-12.00pm
	Assembly	Session A	Session B	Freshers Fair

PM SESSION	11.30am-12.00pm	12.00pm-12.30pm	12.30pm-1.45pm	1.45pm-3.00pm
	Freshers Fair	Assembly	Session A	Session B

Assembly: Welcome from Mr Detheridge, Dr MacKay & Mrs Genders

Session A: Pastoral Support & passport programme

Session B: Logging on & signing up to systems & study skills overview



Freshers Fair: Opportunity to find out more about Student support, Careers & next steps, Student Leadership, Extra Curricular & Financial Support & much more! The cafeteria will also be serving food & drinks.

Please note: Students must only come in for the session and times that they have been allocated for.

The College day has returned to the normal time of 8.35 to 3.00pm.

Sunday 5 September

We will run Lateral Flow Tests for all year 12 and 13 students on site.

Monday 6 September

All students should arrive at College by 8.30 for a prompt start to lessons at 8.35am.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Does my child have to have a lateral flow test?

We would prefer that all students do, but your child can still return to college if they do not have one.

What if my child can't attend testing on Thursday and/or Sunday?

Please book a slot if you can, to support us deliver tests for the whole college community. We will offer catch up tests for year 12 and 13 for those unable to attend on the planned days and will ensure all students are given self-test kits to test at home.

What happens if my child tests positive in their lateral flow test?

We will contact you to let you know. Your child should isolate and book a PCR test. If the PCR test is positive your child should continue to isolate. If it is taken within two days of the lateral flow test, and is negative, your child no longer needs to isolate. If your child is isolating and does not feel unwell, work will be available to them via Teams.

A member of my family is vulnerable, should my child return to college?

Yes, all students should return to college, unless they have an exemption letter from a medical consultant. It is likely that this exemption applies to a very small number of students nationally.

What health and safety measures will be in place at college in September?

We will still have touch point cleaning and will be asking students and staff to sanitise regularly. We will also ensure classrooms are well ventilated. Year groups will no longer function in bubbles. In addition, face masks are no longer required in communal areas or classrooms, but of course students and staff can continue to choose to wear one. Face masks continue to be advised for travel on buses.

Colleges may be asked to return to previous health and safety measures if there is a local outbreak of COVID 19 in the future.

I hope you and your family have had an enjoyable summer and we look forward to seeing all our students return to college.

Kind regards



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Head of College