

3 December 2021

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Dear Parents/Carers and students,

The majority of today's letter will cover the impact of COVID, end of term arrangements and our plans for returning in January. Once you have read the information, if you have any questions please contact us.

COVID Safety measures and Risk Assessment

Following the directive from the Department for Education on Sunday all staff and students (unless exempt) are required to wear face coverings in common areas of the buildings. A large number of students are however arriving at school without a suitable face covering, **please could we ask for your support in checking that your children have clean masks with them each day. Thank you.**

Staffing levels

The combined impact of COVID infections, waiting for PCR tests, normal winter illnesses and the need to care for ill dependents has meant extremely high staff absence levels at present. We are taking all steps to manage this situation but are now at the stage where **we are having to direct single year groups to work from home on a rotational basis** in order to safely run the school. We are reviewing staffing levels daily and trying to plan a few days in advance so that we can give families as much notice as possible of any remote working days. Our plan is to keep remote working to the **absolute minimum level required** to safely run the school. We understand that this has an impact on your family life and really appreciate your support at this difficult time.

Testing students on their return in January (one day delay to start of term)

The government has directed all secondary schools to offer every student an on-site supervised COVID test when they return to school in January. These can only be carried out with parent/carer consent, you should already have received details of how to provide your consent for the test should you wish to.

In order to complete all of the tests in the most efficient way we have decided to delay the start of normal lessons until **Thursday 6th January**. Students whose parents/carers have consented to the COVID test will be given **a one hour time slot to come to school on Wednesday 5th January** to take their test (and then return home). Term will now start for all students on **Thursday 6th January**.

End of term arrangements

We are putting in place special arrangements for Friday 17th December in order to allow the Year 11 'Dress Up' event to go ahead. This will be a shortened school day for all students as follows:

Years 7-10 and Sixth Form:

START, Period 1 and Period 2 as normal timetable. (8:45 - 10:55)

Morning break as normal (10:55 - 11:15)

Tutor time (in tutor bases) 11:20 - 12:15 followed by dismissal between 12:15 and 12:30

Year 11

START and Period 1 as normal

Period 2 - Inter tutor group event on the Astro Turf (or Sports Hall if wet weather)

Dismissal at 10:45

A request for your help with Sixth Form Work Experience placements

At the end of this letter I have copied a letter which recently went out from Mr Kerrison, our Leader of Sixth Form. He is actively seeking work experience opportunities for our Year 12 students and would like your help. If you can support in any way with such a placement please contact Mr Kerrison.

OfSted report

[The Section 8 Monitoring Report](#) is now available on the OfSted website.

Please take time to read their conclusions and contact us if you have any questions or comments.

Many thanks for your continued support,



Simon Liley,
Headteacher

Key contacts for parents/carers:

Year group	Year Team Leader and Student Support Officer	Email addresses	Phone numbers
Year 7	Miss Pegden (YTL) Mrs Cooper (SSO - Mon-Wed) Mrs Fullman (SSO - Thur/Fri)	npegden@theangmeringschool.co.uk lcooper@theangmeringschool.co.uk sfullman@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778317 (01903) 778357 (01903) 778389
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Year 11	Mrs Fillery (YTL) Mrs Burn (SSO)	jfillery@theangmeringschool.co.uk aburn@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778311 (01903) 778396
Sixth Form	Mr Kerrison (Leader of VI Form) Miss Hughes (VI Form Manager)	akerrison@theangmeringschool.co.uk ehughes1@theangmeringschool.co.uk	(01903) 778356 (01903) 778399

ANGMERING SIXTH FORM

26th November 2021

Our Reference: PS077/21

CAN YOU HELP OUR YEAR 12 STUDENTS?

Dear Parent/Carer

One of the less publicised educational casualties of the pandemic is the lack of opportunity for workplace learning for students. This is particularly difficult for our year 12 students who would usually be looking forward to a work experience week in the summer where they would gain some really valuable experience which will help shape their future.

With this in mind, we wonder if you could help? Would your place of work have any opportunities for our students, or perhaps you know someone who would be willing to help out? The only requirement is that the employer has Public Liability Insurance and the normal Health and Safety policies. We understand that employers may not want to commit to a placement with the uncertainty still out there, but we would really appreciate being able to make an initial contact, and perhaps review how things are in the Spring Term if you have concerns. We have allocated a week in July for the placement but can be flexible to work around employers.

Our students tend to have the greatest difficulty finding placements in the following fields:

- Science - (e.g. lab work, research and development)
- Medical - (GP, Hospital, Pharmacy, Physiotherapy)
- Engineering and Maths - (Engineering firms, Architecture)
- Law and Finance - (Insurance, banking, accountancy, legal)
- Business and marketing (HR, sales, marketing)
- Creative industries (Graphic design, fashion, theatre, media/publishing)
- Sport (coaching, fitness)
- Public services (police, fire service)
- Agriculture (Farming, plant nursery)
- Social care (care work, youth work, nursery, residential care, day centres)

If you work in one of these industries (or indeed, any other) and feel that you could help, could you email our sixth form work experience coordinator Pauline Carroll (pcarroll@theangmeringschool.co.uk). Pauline will then contact you for an initial discussion on any potential placement before sharing anything with the students.

Many thanks in advance for your help with this.



Mr A Kerrison
Senior Leader, Post 16 Education