

18 December 2020

January 2021 Return

Dear Parent/ Guardian

We hope that you and your families are all well. We are writing to you with some important information regarding the return to Secondary schools in January 2021 following recent Government guidance.

INSET day – Monday 4 January 2021

Monday 4 January 2021 will be an additional INSET for all students at All Saints', The Becket School, Christ the King and Trinity secondary schools within the Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Multi-Academy Trust. This inset day is to enable the secondary schools to prepare for the rapid testing of students and staff in schools when there is a positive Covid-19 case. The inset will also support staff in preparing for the blended learning and online 'live' lesson activities for the rest of the week.

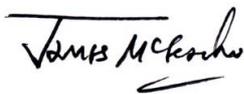
When we have more details from the Department for Education on how rapid testing will work, we will share these with you.

Tuesday 5 January 2021 to Friday 8 January 2021

Following the government announcement on 17 December 2020, the plan for The Becket is that year 12 and 13 will attend school to complete their mock exams as normal, this will include **Monday 4th January**. Years 12 and 13 can revise at home independently or stay in school when they do not have an exam as staff will be available during normal lesson time. Year 11 will attend school as normal from the **5th January**. Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 will not be in school and access learning via live lessons – more information on this to follow. The children of critical key worker parents and vulnerable children of all year groups will also be able to attend school during this week from the **5th January**. Please could parents of critical key worker and vulnerable children contact school to let them know they will be attending.

Thank you for your support with all of this and please could we take the opportunity to wish you and your families a peaceful, safe, and holy Christmas.

Yours sincerely



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