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Dear Parent/Carer,

What a term it has been. Despite the challenges that Covid is still throwing our way we have finished the term without having to send any year groups home to learn remotely unlike some other schools this term.

It has been a real delight to see a return to enrichment clubs, many of our students have thoroughly enjoyed this opportunity. Sadly, we say goodbye to Mr Edwards who has taught science here for the past 3 years. He leaves to explore a career as a crime writer, we wish him all the best.

As you know we carried out a survey earlier this term asking for your views on the current staggered start and finish times. Overwhelmingly you were in support of moving to one start and finish time for all year groups. This model will begin in January.

All schools are required to carry out Covid testing before students return to school. This will take place on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January. Students will only be required to attend school during their allocated time slot and for a short tutor period whereby key information on the changes will be shared with them. It is vital that all students attend and are tested before being in circulation on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January.

Please see below for key information and changes not only to the school day but also amendments to our current behaviour policy.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and to wish you all a wonderful and restful festive holiday.

Yours sincerely

Emma Thurston





**End of Autumn term arrangements: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

This will be a non-uniform day whereby any student not wearing uniform must donate at least £1 to our chosen charity Shelter. This charity was chosen by our students, Shelter help and support families facing homelessness.

**Final Day Plan**

	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5 Lunch available	Period 6 Lunch available
<b>Year 7</b>	Rewards Assembly	Lessons	Lessons	Tutor	Dismissal	
<b>Year 8</b>	Lessons	Rewards Assembly	Lessons	Tutor	Dismissal	
<b>Year 9</b>		Lessons	Rewards Assembly	Tutor	Dismissal	
<b>Year 10</b>		Lessons	Lessons	Rewards Assembly	Tutor	Dismissal
<b>Year 11</b>			Lessons	Tutor	Rewards Assembly	Dismissal

**Plans for COVID testing: Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

Please see the grid below for the timings of COVID testing on the 4<sup>th</sup> January. Your child should arrive at school 15 minutes before the testing time for their year group:

	9am	10am	11am	12pm	1pm	2pm	3pm
<b>Year 7</b>	Testing	Tutor					
<b>Year 8</b>		Testing	Tutor				
<b>Year 9</b>			Testing	Tutor			
<b>Year 10</b>					Testing	Tutor	
<b>Year 11</b>		<i>HOF Meeting 121</i>	<i>HOF Meeting 121</i>			Testing	Tutor

Dismissal times will have to be flexible on this day depending on the length of time the tests take. However, I have added a rough estimate here:

Year 7 – dismissed between 10:15am and 11am

Year 8 – dismissed between 11:15am and 12pm

Year 9 – dismissed between 12:15pm and 1pm

Year 10 – dismissed between 2:15pm and 3pm

Year 11 – dismissed between 3:15pm and 4pm

**Start and finish times for all year groups from January 5<sup>th</sup> 2022**

Gate open	Line up	Gate closes	Finish time
8:15am	8:40am	8:40am	15:00pm





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### **Changes to sanctions for poor behaviour**

Most students get it right most of the time at Deptford Green School. When they don't it wastes their learning time and the learning time of other students. It is important we minimise any disruption to learning to ensure maximum progress for all. Thank you for supporting our updated procedures.

**Daily reflection-** if a student is removed from class, supported by patrol or for not meeting our expectations when moving around the building they will be expected to attend a reflection after school for 30 minutes. During this time, we will work with them to reflect on what went wrong and discuss how they can improve. If your child is placed in daily reflection, you'll be sent an email informing you by 3pm on that day.

**Senior leader reflection-** if a student is on called twice or accumulates a high number of behaviour points across the week, they will be placed in a 60-minute reflection with a senior leader on a Friday. During this reflection they will review their week, set targets for the following week and discuss strategies and support to improve their engagement and progress. If your child is placed in the senior leader reflection, you'll be sent an email informing you by 3pm that Friday.

**Reflection room-** this will now run until 3.30 every day. This gives us additional time to restore any harm which has been caused and make sure all students leave with strategies to improve. Any student not meeting our expectations will be sent to another school to complete their reflection day, they'll then return to our reflection room to complete the day again.

If your child picks up younger siblings or has other commitments after school, please inform their Head of Year to agree alternative procedures.

### **Changes to jewellery and hair colour rules**

**Your hair your rules!**- As a school we are proud that we listen to feedback from our students and parents who were keen that they had a way to express their individuality through choice of hair colour and style. From January there are no restrictions on hair colour or style.

**Jewellery-** students can now wear 2 studs in each ear and a nose stud (no hoops allowed due to health and safety).

