

Friday 22nd September

Dear families and students

I am very pleased to let you know that following a survey commissioned by the DFE we are now able to re-open the whole of the school. It is extremely frustrating that we have had to wait so long for confirmation, however we can now look forward to a full return fact-to-face education from Monday.

From Monday morning all students will be following their normal timetable. They should arrive on site between 8.10am and 8.25am so that they can be in their tutor rooms by 8.30am.

Where JMF6 students have JMS tutors or JMS teachers they should return to JMS for these lessons on Monday. Now that we again have two sixth form common rooms, we return to the expectation for all sixth form students to be on one of the JMF6 sites throughout the school day.

Every student has been affected differently by the disruption of the last two weeks. We are aware that some have received less face-to-face teaching than others. It has been difficult to deal with the impact of disruption beyond our control. What happens next is back in the control of our JMS community.

We will take this opportunity to treat Monday 25th September as another first day of term. A chance to build back from the disruption. It won't happen in just a few days, but over the next 175 days of this academic year we aim to more than make up for this challenging start.

We ask you to support us by returning to our two key messages for students. Messages to ensure that they get the most out of every minute in school and the focus can be on their learning. These messages are:

- Please do everything to take control of your own attendance and punctuality. We can now have you in school every day and we want to see you every day.
- Please make sure that your uniform doesn't distract from your learning. All students should wear their winter uniform in line with our policy which can be found [here](#). It is important that they are wearing plain black shoes, a JMS tie and shirt, along with a plain formal black skirt or black tailored trousers. We also ask that jewellery and make-up are minimal and discreet.

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Thank you again for your patience and support during a such difficult two weeks. We look forward to working with you in the coming months, sharing the fantastic achievements of the young people in our community and celebrating together.

Yours sincerely



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