

1st September 2021

Dear St Martin's Year 9 Family,

Our school motto is Caritate et Disciplina – With Love and Learning. I ask all families to support this motto through their actions, prayers and expectations. Let us follow in St Martin's example by showing love to one another as we emerge from such challenging times that the pandemic has brought. Let us focus all our attention on what is the school's core purpose: learning.

Below is an outline of the first week of the start of term for Year 9. The formal start of term at St Martin's will be staggered, due to Government guidance; that requires all secondary students to be tested for Covid 19, twice at the start of the term, then twice weekly at home. We will be asking you to supervise your child completing the home test each week on Sunday and Wednesday evenings, then to report your result to us via our website. Each year group is asked to attend St Martin's for their first Covid 19 test before school begins. The second Covid 19 test will take place during the first days of the term. Therefore, **Year 9 will attend school on Tuesday 7th September**, will be at home for 6th and 8th and then attend school on **Thursday 9th September**, when school formally begins. Year 9 will have their second Covid 19 test on Friday 10th September at some point during the day.

The induction to the start of term, will commence once all students have received their first of two school based Covid 19 tests. Please complete the online consent form **HERE**.

Once students have received their first Covid 19 test, they will be introduced to their Form Tutor and spend the rest of the day together, learning about our new school rules, expectations and routines.

Later on Tuesday 7th September, I would like to formally introduce myself to you, (virtually) at 4pm. You will receive a link via parentmail on or before Monday 6th September. When I meet with you I will give you a summary of what your child has learnt in school that day and ways you can support their success at St Martin's.

Once School begins, all students are required to wear the full St Martin's school uniform and arrive fully equipped for learning, please refer to our website for further guidance.

I look forward to meeting and working with you over the coming years.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Josephine Okokon HEADTEACHER



|          | Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> September | Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> September | Wednesday 8th September |
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|          | Year 9 remain at home            |                                   | Year 9 remain at home   |
| 8.30 am  |                                  | 9M Testing                        |                         |
| 9.20 am  |                                  | 9A Testing                        |                         |
| 10.30 am |                                  | Break                             |                         |
| 11.00 am |                                  | 9R Testing                        |                         |
| 12.30 pm |                                  | Lunch Break                       |                         |
| 1.15 pm  |                                  | 9T Testing                        |                         |
| 4.00 pm  |                                  | Year 9 Parents Virtual            |                         |
|          |                                  | meeting                           |                         |