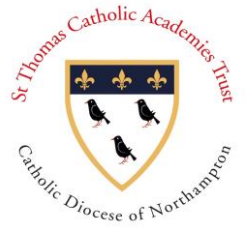




**ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**  
Roman Catholic School  
in the Diocese of Northampton  
Headteacher: Mr C Stapleton MA, NPQH



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“The glory of God is  
a human being fully alive!”

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30<sup>th</sup> December, 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

This evening the Secretary of State outlined the plans for the return of secondary schools next week. I'm sure this has raised a number of questions which I hope the following may help to answer:

**What the return to school in January what it will look like for us at St Joseph's**

From the week of the 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021. All students will be taught remotely online as was done before we broke up for Christmas (in other words the timetable will be followed from 8.30-3pm on line).am Students designated EHCP, children of key workers and other students deemed vulnerable can return to school. If your child falls into one of these categories and you wish them to be in school from the 4<sup>th</sup> January and have not done so already, please contact us via email [cv19@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk](mailto:cv19@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk) so we can plan to accommodate your child.

From the week of 11<sup>th</sup> January, Years 11 and 13 only will return to school for face to face lessons. All other years will continue to be taught online remotely.

From 18<sup>th</sup> January, all students are to return to school for face to face lessons.

**BTEC External Exams**

BTEC exams will take place as planned. The details of this were emailed before Christmas with the newsletters and involves a number of Year 12 and 13 students. If your child is one of these students they should ensure they are present at school at least 30 minutes before the exam is due to start and meet in the school Hall.

**Testing for Covid in Schools**

The government has asked us to ensure testing takes place for staff and students from the 4<sup>th</sup> January. We have significant logistical issues to overcome in terms of space and staffing to enable this to happen. We'll be looking into testing and all it implies from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January and we'll let you, as parents and carers, be the first to know where we are with this before we embark on any such venture.

**The Second Set of PPE exams (Centre Assessments) for Years 11&13**

The second set of Centre Assessments which were due to take place from the 11<sup>th</sup> January will be pushed back to start on the 18<sup>th</sup> January. The sequence of exams, the days and the timings will follow the order same timetable albeit a week later than originally planned.

I should say at this point that the Prime Minister did say that all planning is contingent on constant review of the national data and may be subject to review.

If there are any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact us via the school email.

Yours sincerely

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