



1<sup>st</sup> April 2021

Dear Parent, Carers and Year 11 Students

## **Change in start and end of day times for Year 11 Students**

After the Easter break, from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April, Year 11 students should arrive to school by 8.25 a.m. via the canteen. Year 11 form time will now be in the mornings at 8.30 a.m. This is the final full half-term Year 11 students will be at Bower Park Academy and it is a very important half-term as we gather evidence which will inform their GCSE grades. As we have moved the start of the day earlier, Year 11 students will finish school 10 minutes earlier at 2.20 p.m.

Year 11 students should strive for 100% attendance and punctuality after the Easter break as every day matters.

## **Uniform expectations**

As a school with high standards around uniform and conduct, I would like to remind parents of the following expectations:-

- No jewellery, including earrings and studs.
- Only discreet makeup is allowed in school.
- Students must wear school shoes and not trainers.
- Students must wear a school blazer; no other jumper or top other than a school jumper can be worn under the blazer.
- Mobile phones are not allowed to be used on the school site; they must be switched off and put away.
- Smart watches are not allowed.
- Students are not allowed to bring energy drinks or fizzy drinks to school.

As before, students should attend school dressed in their PE kit on the day when they have PE. This must be the full school PE kit and they must not have other sports training wear instead. Students can wear school trousers or a skirt over their shorts. Students should also wear their school blazers over their PE kit. If for any reason the school PE kit is not available, they must have a note explaining why and should wear their normal school uniform and change, as we do have facilities for some students to change safely.

When we **return to school on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April** we will be having a focus on school uniform. Items that are not allowed will be confiscated.

Please support the school by checking that your child has full school uniform before they leave home; if there is an issue please write your child a note. I am very proud of how the majority of our students presents themselves and we must ensure our high standards are followed by all as this is important in maintaining Bower Park Academy's good reputation in the community.

### COVID Testing

The vast majority of students took part in the Covid testing and are continuing to test at home twice a week.

It is very important that if we do not want to return to further isolation and school closures that we continue to test twice weekly at home over the Easter holidays and on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April on the day before they return. Your child has been given home test kits and other households members can order tests online via the link below:

[Schools, nurseries and colleges testing: order coronavirus \(COVID-19\) rapid lateral flow home test kits - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/schools-nurseries-and-colleges-testing-order-coronavirus-covid-19-rapid-lateral-flow-home-test-kits)

As a school we will be helping track and trace until Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> April so if there is a positive result please inform the school via the email address:

[bpacovidalert@elatschools.co.uk](mailto:bpacovidalert@elatschools.co.uk)

Thank you for your continued support, it is very much appreciated. I hope you and your loved ones have an enjoyable Easter break.

Yours faithfully



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**Principal**