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Dear Student and Parent/Carer

We are writing to all students who may be starting in Year 12 in September. You may be aware that the Government have said that all secondary school students need to be tested on the school site before fully starting the school year. This is advance warning that we will be testing the incoming Year 12s at SWCHS on Thursday 2nd September 2021.

We will be using lateral flow device tests provided by the NHS. These tests involve the students being supervised doing a self-administered simple nose and throat swab, which will then be processed by trained processors in school. This is the same process that was undertaken by each secondary school in March.

On Thursday 2nd September, all Year 12 students, who have received a confirmed offer to join SWCHS Sixth Form, will come into school at a designated time between 1:00pm and 4:00pm. Following their test, they will then leave the site immediately. Please therefore ensure that you are available that afternoon.

Assuming the test is negative, students will return to school for their first full day on Friday 3rd September (for those new to SWCHS) or Monday 6th September (for all of Year 12).

The Government have also said that, during the following week, students will need to have a second test at school, which will take place during tutor time on Tuesday 7th September.

We will be in touch again on the afternoon of Monday 1st September to confirm tutor groups and provide an exact time as to when each student should arrive at school for their test on Thursday 2nd September. At that point, we will also be giving information about consent and what to do following the test.

We are looking forward to welcoming students into school in September and thank you for your support with this process, which will help to make our community as safe as possible.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Norman
Deputy Headteacher

