



Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year. I hope that you have been able to have a relaxing break with your families.

Following the most recent announcement from the Education Secretary, Gavin Williamson, all secondary schools in England have been instructed to extend the staggered return to on-site learning at the beginning of this term in order to make the necessary preparations to deliver a COVID-19 testing programme for staff and students.

In line with this, please see the details below for changes to the beginning of the new term.

### **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January**

Vulnerable children and children of key workers will return to on-site provision on January 5<sup>th</sup>. Students will need to attend school from 8.30am-2.00pm daily and must wear school uniform. Lunch will be provided for those students who require it tomorrow however, students are able to bring in a packed lunch if preferred. Spaces should be booked with the school prior to attendance of students using the weblink [www.nuast.org.uk/keyworker](http://www.nuast.org.uk/keyworker)

Remote education will be provided for all other year groups (**Y7, Y8, Y9, Y10, Y11, Y12 and Y13**) from Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January. The current advice is that a full return to school will be possible from the 18th January 2021. This date is subject to review based upon the latest advice from the Government/DFE. Similar to the autumn term, our remote provision will be delivered via MS Teams. We strongly recommend students adhere to the timings of their normal school timetable, including breaks and lunchtimes.

### **Examinations**

Vocational examinations **will go ahead** as planned during January; please follow the information already issued regarding times and venues. All students with external BTEC and Cambridge National examinations should attend the school in order to complete the examination.

Yours sincerely

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