



Dear Parent/Carer

1<sup>st</sup> April 2021

Assalamu alaikum / Peace be with you

I hope this letter finds you well as we come to the end of the spring term. We have had a many upheaval from last year and to the start of this year with lockdowns and reopening. I would like to thank you for your commitment and hard work ensuring your daughter is supported through these episodes of turmoil. You have made a significant difference in supporting the school and so your daughter in all that we asked of you.

It has been a joy and pleasure having our pupils back in school for the last four weeks. They have not only missed each other's company but that of their teachers and support staff. This has been evident upon their return to school. They have exuded a warmth and sincerity, as you would find in any strong cohesive family.

Our pupils have been engaged, positive in their learning since returning to school, they have been sensible and have been cooperative in wearing masks in school – all of which could not have been possible without your support.

We have completed a programme of lateral flow testing with a high number of staff and pupils participating. This has further added safety and security in returning to school, thank you for consenting for your daughter to take the tests. Please do continue with the testing programme at home with the test kits that have been supplied to cover the two-week period of the break. We sincerely hope that this does mark a significant step forwards in what we hope will be returning to some normality.

#### **Easter Revision Programme**

We have organised Easter revisions classes for Year 11, pupils have been informed and letters have been sent out to parents with days and timings for when classes will take place. We expect full attendance to revision classes, particularly when we are setting assessments to gather evidence for your daughter's final GCSE grade in each subject. The last two assessment window dates have been given to your daughter and will be sent to you; the next round of assessments will start first week in the summer term.

#### **Just a few practical points around covid-19 to remember:**

- Please ensure that your child completes these tests twice weekly on a Monday and Thursday morning (or Sunday and Wednesday evening if the morning is not possible)
- Pupils for whom we have consent, will have a testing kit to last over the Easter holidays and the first week of the term.
- For pupils aged 11, an adult should administer the home test for them.
- Please continue to register your results (positive / negative / void) with the NHS <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>
- If your child has a positive COVID result from the self-test over the Easter break, this must be reported to [hometest\\_kit\\_results@egslough.staracademies.org](mailto:hometest_kit_results@egslough.staracademies.org)

When you contact the school, between 9am – 3pm, please have the following information ready to share -

- Your child's name.
- Year Group/Form Class
- The date on which they first showed symptoms, and the date on which they tested positive

#### **Charitable Giving**

Thank you to all pupils and parents for your continued support for others. Our non-uniform day this term has helped to support Comic Relief and our foodbank charity.

Thank you for the wonderful support you give your daughters and for your encouragement for their fund raising, enabling them to demonstrate the Islamic ethos in love, in action and service to others, even in these challenging times.



### Uniform and Equipment

Thank you to all parents and carers for your support in our drive for the highest standards of uniform amongst all our pupils. Please can we remind pupils to ensure that they have the correct equipment with them every day. Unfortunately, we are unable to accept items being dropped off at the office during the school day.

### Student Newsletter

Please click here [Student Leadership Newsletter](#) to read our first student leadership newsletter, 'Eden Times'.

### Key reminders for the break and your return to school

- If you or a member of your family is/are being tested, all family or bubble members are to stay in quarantine until you have received the results.
- In the Easter period do inform the school 6 days after the last day your child was in school if your child tests positive
- Follow the latest government guidance.
- Hands, Face & Space
- On return to school, if your child is feeling unwell, do not send your child to school unless you have had guidance from 111 or have had a test which is negative.
- Staggered start and end of each day will continue (Y11: 7.35am, Y10/9: 7.45am, Y8/7: 7.50am) a separate letter on Ramadhan timings will be sent to you.
- Face coverings on entry to school (public transport) and in all communal areas. Do make sure your daughter has a face covering.
- Pupils will remain in their bubbles throughout the school day with no physical contact with each other or sharing of their resources.
- Sanitising hands on entry to school and at the start of each lesson
- Sanitising / washing hands during break and lunch time.
- Full school uniform and PE kit to be worn only on the day your daughter has PE, this includes having lanyards everyday.
- **School starts back Friday 16 April**, the start of the summer term. Please see our school dates below.
- Interventions for Y11 (refer to your daughter's letter timetabling specific intervention and catch-up sessions) will continue their same set days but will finish by 3.30pm on Mon-Thu & 1pm on Friday and Y7 & Y8 catch-up will be put on hold during the month of Ramadhan.

Thank you to all our pupils and parents for your support and kindness this term. The last twelve months have been an enormous challenge for us all in so many ways. Your continued messages, phone calls, feedback and cards have been a great source of encouragement.

May I wish you all a happy and blessed Ramadan and ask for your continued prayers for Eden's community and all those throughout the world whose lives have been affected by the pandemic.

Wa 'alaykumu s-salam



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## SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES

# 2020 - 2021

(All dates are inclusive)

### AUTUMN TERM 2020

Staff Training Day - 1	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2020
Re-open (for students) on	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2020
Mid Term Closure	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> October - Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2020
Closure after school on	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2020
Christmas Holiday	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2021
Number of openings	74

### SPRING TERM 2021

Staff Training Day - 2	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2021
Re-open (for students) on	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2021
Mid Term Closure	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> February - Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2021
Closure after school on	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2021
Easter Holiday	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2021 – Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2021
Number of openings	58

### SUMMER TERM 2021

Re-open on	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2021
May Day Closure	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2021
'Eid ul Fitr 1442 * holiday	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> May and Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2021 *
Mid Term Closure	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> May - Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2021
Closure after school on	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2021
('Eid ul Adha 1442)	(Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2021)
Number of openings	58
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF OPENINGS</b>	<b>190</b>

Staff Insets - two full days and six twilight sessions

\* Please note – 'Eid holidays may be revised slightly depending upon sighting of the new moon  
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