



# St Martin-in-the-Fields High School for Girls

11-19 Church of England Academy Founded 1699  
*Service Compassion Justice Perseverance*

Wednesday 21 October 2020

Dear Families

The students finish for half term today **Wednesday 21 October 2020**. We look forward to seeing them again on **Monday 2 November 2020**. Please note the new timings for **Years 11, 12 and 13**.

## FACE COVERINGS... AGAIN!

I am repeating the information on face coverings as I really would like you to reinforce this to your child over the half term break. Already, over these three days since the government mandated that "face coverings must be worn by students and adults in communal areas outside the classroom", staff have had to spend too much time doing what I call 'Mask Management'.

We understand that some students are exempt, but the majority are not. We have shared with students several presentations on how to put on and remove and wear face coverings safely, including hand hygiene and the storage of face coverings. Some students are still choosing to wear them incorrectly or not at all. It is paramount for the safety and wellbeing of the St Martin's community and beyond, that the students adhere to this new and important expectation. Please ensure your child has at least two face coverings when they return after half term. See [face covering bulletin](#) and [half term letter](#) sent home this week.

After half term, if students are exempt, we will provide them with a blue badge that they can wear discreetly on their blazer. That way, if they are not wearing a face covering because of a health reason, they will not be asked.



Thank you for your continued support during this difficult and challenging time. The bubble structure will continue until further notice, which is not ideal, but it enables us to keep students separate to avoid mixing and potential spreading of the virus. The safety and wellbeing of all of us here at St Martin's is top priority.

A reminder that when we return on **Monday 2 November 2020** there will be some amendments to the start time for Years, 11, 12 and 13.

Year 11                      Start time - 8.30am

Year 13 and 13            Start time - 8.30am (Wednesday and Thursday 8.50am)

Wishing you a peaceful, safe and restful half term break.

Blessings

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Headteacher