



Woolwich Polytechnic

School for Boys

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Dear Parent/Carer

We want to thank you for your support over the last term. Please find below information regarding upcoming dates on the school calendar, coronavirus control measures and safety enhancements.



Please note that some events on the calendar will now take place online and is listed as virtual.



Dates for December and January:

Friday 10th December: Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 14th December: School ends at 2:00 pm for Year 11 students ONLY

Tuesday 14th December: Year 11 Parents' Evening 3:30 – 6:00pm ~ **Virtual**.

Wednesday 15th December: Week A school day ends at 1:00pm

Thursday 16th December: Academic Review Day at 10:30 -3:00 for Years 7-10 ~ **Virtual**

Friday 17th December: End of term from approx. 12:15 pm early finish:



As requested by the Department for Education, students will be invited for a Covid 19 test before lessons resume. If you have not done so as yet, please provide consent on the Weduc app when prompted for your child to be tested onsite. The testing is critical in reducing the spread of the virus in our school. There will be a staggered start to accommodate the Covid testing. Pupils should come into school for the requested time and then will resume attending school as normal.

Please see below for details of start times for your child.



Tuesday 4th January: Year 8s arrive at 10:30am
 Years 12+13 arrive at 12:30pm

Wednesday 5th January: Years 7 8 12 & 13 arrive at 8:30am
 Year 11s arrive at 10:30am



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Year 9s arrive at 12:30am

Thursday 6th January: Year 10s arrive at 8:30am
Years 7 8 9 11 12 13 at 10:30

Friday 7th January: Normal school days resumes

Wednesday 19th January: Years 12&13 Parents' evening 3.30-6.30pm

Please keep these dates in your diary and we will be in touch with any additional details needed nearer to each event. Term dates for the year are below.

Coronavirus control measures

We also believe it is important to ensure that our families have information that is accessible to them with regards to regular testing and vaccinations to make informed decisions.

On [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk) there is information and guidance on how to take and report lateral flow tests at home translated in Polish, Chinese, Punjabi, Romanian, Arabic, Gujarati, Persian, Urdu, Slovakian, Turkish, Welsh, Somalian, Bengali, Hindi, Dari and Pashto. We recommend the link above to give you up-to-date information.

Doctors of the world have also translated information on vaccines, how to register with a GP and COVID-19 topics which you may find useful.

Finally, please ensure that your son/daughter to bring a clean mask to wear at school everyday. This control measure has helped to reduce the staff and students absence.

Safety enhancements

Additionally, we wish to inform you of the installation of four permanent knife arches during the winter holidays, ready for use on January 4th onwards. There has been a delay in their installation.

They will be installed at reception, the entrance to the 6th form's CLS and the students' entrance into the main building behind reception.

The purpose of these is to provide a clear deterrent to maintain a safe site for all our students, something that many schools now use. Our students have fed back to us

when we have used mobile knife arches before that they have made them feel safer at school and in the immediate community.

We recognise that knife arches can invoke parents' and carers' concerns so please be reassured that they will be staffed by heads of year, that they will be used randomly, that should they alarm, then students will empty their pockets, and that vulnerable students will be able to opt out. The arches will then be switched off after students have arrived onsite.

We thank you in advance for your understanding, wish you and your families a safe and happy break and new year.

Yours faithfully,

Ms K Scott

Deputy Headteacher