



# WALTON HIGH

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Dear Parents

## COVID-19 Update 45

### Positive cases

Since the beginning of term, Walton High has been notified of the following positive cases

#### Cases up to 18 November

| Year         | Brooklands | Walnut Tree |
|--------------|------------|-------------|
| 7            | 27         | 29          |
| 8            | 10         | 26          |
| 9            | 13         | 28          |
| 10           | 11         | 25          |
| 11           | 9          | 24          |
| 12           | 6          | 16          |
| 13           | 0          | 13          |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>76</b>  | <b>161</b>  |

In addition to the students above, **fifteen** members of staff have tested positive since the beginning of term.

### Post-16 Information Evening

Due to the relatively low number of cases we are currently experiencing on both campuses, we have decided to go ahead with our Post-16 Open Evenings next week.

**The two events will be identical so Year 11 students should attend the Post-16 evening for their campus.**

Due to the excellent reputation Walton High enjoys, and the wide range of subjects and qualifications offered, about 30% of students in our Post-16 transfer from other schools. As we currently have fewer Year 11 students at our Brooklands campus, young people from other schools are being encouraged to attend the Brooklands Open Evening on Wednesday, 24 November. If parents know of families with Year 11 children at other schools who are considering attending, we should be grateful if you would make this known to them.

To ensure the Open Evenings are as safe as possible, the following mitigation measures will be in place:

- Everyone will be asked to take an LFD test before attending and Year 11 students will be expected to report the result via the school's online form
- Masks will be compulsory, unless exempt, and hand sanitisers will be available
- Staff and student ambassadors will maintain a social distance
- The number of people allowed into the Director of Post-16's talk will be limited to enable social distancing
- All rooms and other spaces used will be well ventilated

This is an exciting time in the development of our Post-16 provision and we anticipate the high level of demand for a place at the school to continue. From September 2022, subject to staffing and take-up, we will be adding the following Level 3 courses to our curriculum offer.

**The Arts**

Ancient History  
Drama and Theatre  
Media Studies

**Sciences**

Environmental Science  
Geology  
Applied Psychology

**Commercial**

Accounting  
Financial Studies

In addition, we are very excited to be offering both the Level 2 and Level 3 courses in Children's Play, Learning and Development. These courses are full-time programmes of study and will be delivered in partnership with MKET's primary schools. This unique arrangement will enable students to benefit from extensive work experience throughout their course.

In addition to next week's Open Evenings, in December Walton High will be launching its P16HUB.

This has been created to allow flexible access to all the information, advice and guidance students will need to navigate their Post 16 choices.

The site will include an introduction from the Director of Post 16, Rachael Read, as well as presentations from Post 16 students explaining why Walton High is the Post 16 provider of choice. Teachers will help students understand the skills and experiences they will gain from their courses as well as the pathways that stem from these specialisms. It will also be possible to submit questions.

Further details regarding the launch of P16HUB will follow in due course.

**Review of additional COVID-19 mitigation measures**

We are pleased that the number of positive cases in the school appear to be declining but in the local community they remain relatively high.

The need to wear face coverings in social areas at school will be reviewed at the end of next week with any change to this requirement communicated to parents.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards



Michelle Currie  
Executive Principal

# Annex A

## Positive cases reporting in Milton Keynes on 19 November 2021

### Cases in Milton Keynes

#### People tested positive

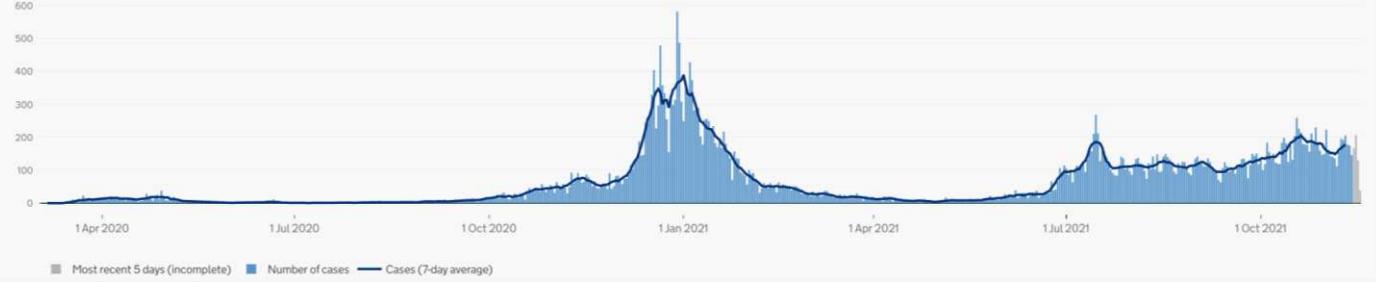
Daily Total  
178 40,295

#### Cases by specimen date

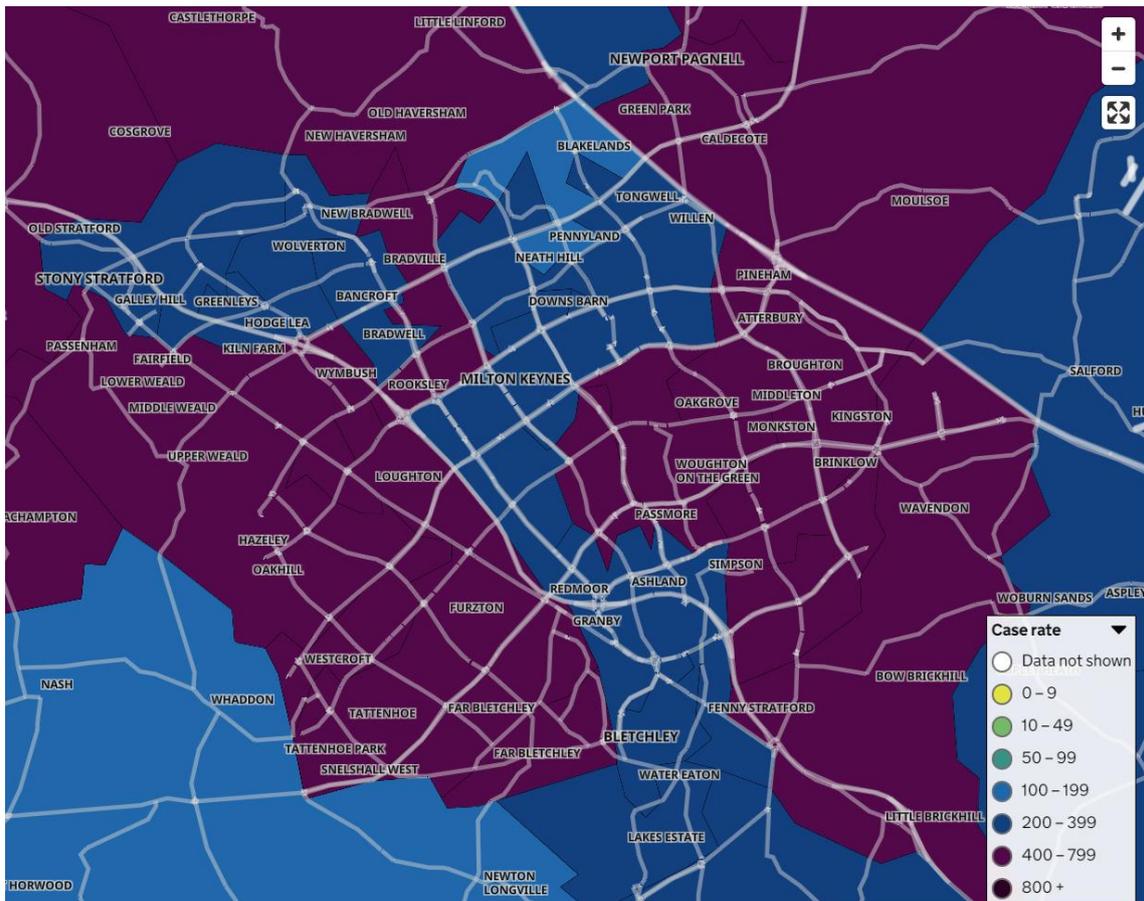
Number of cases (people who have had at least one positive COVID-19 test result), by specimen date. Data for the period ending 5 days before the date when the website was last updated with data for the selected area, highlighted in grey, are incomplete.

Daily Cumulative Data About

all 1y 6m 3m 1m



## Case rate per 100,000 people for 7-day period ending on 13 November 2021



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