

Salzburg, 5th February 2021

**School after the semester break
Oberstufe (Senior years, 5-8)**

Dear parents, dear students,

Following the long distance learning phase, we will be able to hold **in-person lessons** again after the semester break. We are very glad to have this opportunity but we know that in order for the return to be successful, **prudence and cooperation** will be required from all sides.

With consideration of the precarious infection circumstances, lessons in the Oberstufe will be held in a **shift** format in February. Classes will be split into groups A and B, which will alternate between Monday/Tuesday and Wednesday/Thursday classes; students will work from home on the other days. The exact allocation of the groups, along with a calendar, will be sent out by the class teachers.

Depending on the infection situation, we will determine if teaching for the 7th and 8th classes can return in the normal, full-class mode in March. More information on this will follow in due course.

Lessons on **Fridays** will generally run in **Distance-Learning** mode. There is, however, also the possibility to attend on-site assessments or small-group lessons. Further information will be made available by individual teachers.

To ensure safety for all, the following rules apply during **face-to-face lessons**:

- Maintaining **distance**, regular practice of **hand hygiene**, and the mandatory wearing of an **FFP-2 mask**, with breaks during the regular periods of **ventilation**.
- **Fixed seating plan**
- Compulsory performance of a **Covid self-test** ("Nasenbohrtest"): The tests are to be carried out by students on Mondays and Wednesdays at the start of the school day. Participation in classes is only possible when a self-test is carried out. In the past weeks, we have conducted these tests with the students present at school and have had positive experiences with them.

We are confident that with mutual mindfulness and consideration the school can once again be a place of interaction and collaborative learning. I ask for your support in this, and wish us all good health.

Kind regards,

Erich Schön, *Principal*