



Thursday 1st April 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope my email finds you well. These few weeks that we have all been back in school this term have supported our students and staff to begin a re-socialisation process, in a positive way, to impact learning and personal development. It is over a year since the first lockdown due to the pandemic and this term the school community has continued to demonstrate remarkable resilience.

On our return to school from 8th March, the offer to engage with regular Lateral Flow Device testing was taken up by over 85% of students and by our staff. This supports identification of asymptomatic Covid Cases. Follow up PCR tests are required for anyone getting a positive result on an LFD test.

The Government expectation is that during this holiday from school, families should continue to report to the school, confirmed cases of Covid only for students with a positive LFD result on the weekend of 3rd/4th April. Reports to school should also be made following a PCR positive result if the symptom that triggered the PCR test manifested itself on either Friday 2nd April or Saturday 3rd April. Any such report will trigger a school track and trace operation and appropriate students/year groups/staff will be contacted accordingly. I will like to remind families that when we return for the summer term, all students should be adhering to our Uniform rules (Dress Code for the Sixth Form), mobile telephone rules and the high standards expected from our Behaviour Policy.

We have been communicating information and guidance to our families with students in Year 11 and Year 13, who will be undergoing assessments next term to provide data for Teacher Assessed Grades (TAGs) this year instead of Public Exams. Where Revision Masterclasses have been planned and communicated to students, I hope as many students as possible can take advantage of these to support their individual revision plans. However, it is also important that our exam students plan for some periods of relaxation and enjoyable diversions during the holiday.

For all our students it will be important to focus on wellbeing activities including physical exercise and opportunities to socialise more widely according to current regulations. Adherence to national guidelines on social distancing and maintaining the current regulations around easing out of lockdown during the holiday, will support our whole community to return to school as planned on Monday 19th April.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a good break from school with your families, and for those of our community who celebrate such events, a happy continuation



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of Passover week and a happy Easter. Looking back, I hope families enjoyed marking Holi recently and looking forward, I hope Eid celebrations go well at the start of next term.

Finally, I would like to thank you for your continued support and for your positive feedback on our ongoing arrangements to keep our community safe, healthy and in school.

Yours faithfully

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