

March 2021

Dear Parents & Carers

RE: Easter holidays

What a year! Who would have thought when we first closed a year ago we'd still be battling a pandemic. I must say the vast majority of pupils have been brilliant since school reopened and I hope this will continue after the Easter holidays.

Intervention

We are running intervention sessions over the holidays to help our Year 11 pupils prepare for their final trial exams and also to support our Year 10, who we want to complete as much coursework for their option subjects as possible. This is so they will have more time in Year 11 to focus on the core subjects of maths, English, science, humanities and French.

Devices

We have loaned devices to Year 11 pupils who need them and are now able to provide one for every pupil in Year 10 to use over the holidays in order to work on coursework at home. After Easter we plan to also lend devices to pupils with special educational needs and vulnerable pupils so we will be in touch to ask parents to sign a loan agreement.

Home testing

Pupils have been issued with enough home testing kits to see them through the holidays. They should continue to take the LFD (lateral flow device) tests throughout the holidays, twice a week and should report their results to the NHS and also the academy.

Positive results

If a pupil has symptoms within 48 hours of being in the academy – as in this weekend - and has a PCR test which returns a positive result you should inform the academy by completing the form on our website [<HERE>](#). A member of staff will then contact you so we can carry out contact tracing and identify any close contacts who need to self-isolate.

If a pupil is in contact with a positive case over the holidays and then needs to self-isolate for part of the new term you do not need to tell us about it until Monday 12th April.

Social distancing

Please ensure your children observe social distancing guidance before and after school. They should come on to the academy grounds rather than hang about nearby in the mornings and should go straight home after school.

Return to school

The academy will reopen on Monday 12th April at the usual times of 8.20 for Y9, 10 & 11 and 8.35 for Y7 & 8. Any pupils not dressed according to our uniform policy will be taken out of circulation until issues can be resolved.

Finally thank you to all of you for your support – from those who follow us on Twitter, to those who came to parents' evening and all of you who have supported your children and their education throughout such a difficult year. I hope we never have to do it again! Have a restful, healthy Easter and I look forward to seeing all our pupils again soon.

Yours sincerely

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