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Newsletter – week 24



Dear Parent/Carer,

Our main news this week is of course the return of our students. It has been so nice to see our school busy again and having everyone in lessons as well as face to face learning. We know that the return for some of our young people has been a little worrying, but we have supported everyone in every way we can. It has been a fantastic first week back. For some of our students due to COVID related isolation, it has been over thirteen weeks since they were in the school building. We are now looking forward to the next three weeks until we break for Easter.

A huge part of the return of our students has been the LFD testing that is taking place every morning in tutor time and period 1. There has been a large number of volunteers that have supported the school in administering the tests – staff, parents and people from our community – and the first week of tests has gone seamlessly. The students have been perfect and our system for testing has proved to be exemplary with all students finishing by the end of period one. So far, students in Years 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13 have all had their second test with Years 7 & 8 having their second test on Monday. We will have completed all three tests for everyone by Thursday 18th March with minimal disruption to teaching and learning. From next Friday, we will return to 'normal'.

I would like to say thank you for your support in ensuring that all students are attending school with face masks/coverings. As I mentioned last week, we are following the strong recommendations from the DfE and Government and asking students to wear these at all times whilst in the school building including in lessons. We will maintain this policy until the Easter holidays as per the guidance. I know a few parents have questioned this as it is not 'law', but any measures that improve aspects of health and safety will be adopted by the school as policy during the pandemic. If students are medically exempt, please do inform us by contacting their Year Leader directly.

As a school, we are now entering into the final details of preparing evidence for the submission of Student Assessed grades. Our submission deadline like all schools is the 18th June so there will be a detailed plan provided for parents of exam years, that explains in detail when mini-assessments will be taking place. We are working to provide this as soon as possible so that our students can prepare as much as possible.



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Principal: Russell Denial



Whatever your plans are over the weekend, I hope you have a peaceful and relaxing one. Probably like many of you, I spend far too much time checking the weather so it is good to see that the temperatures are slowly edging in the right direction at last.

Yours faithfully,

Mr R Denial
Principal

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