

14th May 2021

Newsletter – week 31



Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you all have had a good week – it seems to have flown by. The end is now in sight for our examination years and there are just two weeks left of our assessment and progress work with Year 11 and Year 13 which will have concluded by May half term. There is just two weeks to go, and I know how challenging this period has been for our students, but the end is in sight. I wrote earlier today to our parents of Year 11 to outline some of the opportunities that will be available for the three weeks after half term until the statutory leaving date of Friday June 25th. An email message is also being sent out today to Year 13 today from Mr Way.

This news this week has had a lot of information in regard to step 3 of the Government's roadmap and the easing of restrictions. For schools, the updated DfE operational guidance has recommended that face coverings for all pupils in classrooms are not needed. If students do still want to wear face coverings in classrooms, then they are permitted to do so. I am sure you will agree that this is a positive step forward as this was an extension of Government policy from Easter. Further recommendations for schools are that face coverings should be worn in corridors where social distancing is not possible. We will continue to follow this guidance as we have done from the start of the academic year in September. The reintroduction of face coverings for all members of our school community may be advised for a temporary period in response to particular localised outbreaks, including variants of concern.

We have also been advised that children and young people aged 11 and over must still wear a face covering on public transport. In accordance with advice from Public Health England, our students must wear a face covering when travelling on dedicated transport to school. Again, this is a policy that we adopted at the start of the year before it became Government policy and we are pleased that this is still in place. With only five school weeks until step 4 of the roadmap on June 21st, we want to do all we can to keep everyone as safe as possible. I would also like to add my thanks for the ongoing support we have received from our parents.

As school moves closer to normal operations without restrictions of the bubble system, we know that the return to school has proved a challenge for some of our young people as well as their families. If you require any further support for your son/daughter, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are certainly looking forward to being able to be out and about as normal and using our specialist rooms.



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Principal: Russell Denial

It is always difficult for me not to mention the weather at the end of my weekly updates, but currently, the less said the better. I hope you all have a lovely weekend and I would like to wish staff, pupils and parents Eid Mubarak for yesterday.

Yours faithfully,



Mr R Denial
Principal

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