

28th May 2021

Newsletter – week 33

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you all have had a good week and I know that Year 11 and Year 13 students will be breathing a sigh of relief up and down the country as the assessment period in school comes to a close. In recognition of the work that has been taking place, we took the decision earlier in the week to allow students to study at home and only come to school for the final few assessments. The last few weeks have been gruelling and a break is certainly needed.

The school is expecting a further delivery of Lateral Flow Devices which we had hoped to be here in readiness for half term - at this stage we have yet to receive these but we will keep you informed. I know that some schools are being adversely affected by the new variant of COVID 19 and there are worrying rising cases in some parts of the country. Please may I ask for your continued support in ensuring that your son/daughter continues to test twice weekly so that we can keep everyone safe. After half term we enter the last six weeks of the academic year and we want our school to run as normal as possible with some planned live music events, a few school trips, the welcome day for our new Year 7 and a further easing of restrictions in school, as we hopefully head back towards a little more normality.

In last week's letter, I focused on the launch of the new Arbor 'app'. Nearly 40% of our parents have downloaded the app but it would be great to see a few more logging in! Please do follow the steps and you will be able to see a live view of your child's information. If any details need amending then please do get in touch with us. Having the correct information on our school system is vitally important to us. We have been really pleased with our migration into our new system and I am sure you will also see the benefits.

When we return in June (yes – June!), a huge amount of work will be based around the standardisation and submission of our Student Assessed Grades. Please just bear with us during this period if any enquiry takes a day or two longer than normal to reply to. We will always do our best, but due to the time frames we have to work to, the school will be working towards tight deadlines and certainly stretched.

As we head towards the Bank Holiday weekend and the week ahead, it is nice to see that some sunshine is on the horizon for us. Whatever your plans are over the coming days, I hope you all stay safe and enjoy lighting that barbecue for the first time this year.

Yours faithfully,



Mr R Denial
Principal



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