

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

Dear parents and carers,

I hope this finds you and your families well and looking forward to a half-term break with some good weather to enjoy. We have, as ever, had a busy half term. In particular, it has been fantastic to see additional extra-curricular activities beginning to get going again as restrictions continue to ease. I am hugely grateful to staff in departments across school who provide these activities for our young people beyond the school day to give them the best possible experiences. We look forward to increasing this provision further once guidance allows.

One of our biggest undertakings this half term has been to see Year 11 pupils through the Teacher Assessed Grades process which replaces GCSE exams this summer. I am so grateful to staff who have worked incredibly hard to deliver and mark a huge number of pieces of work to provide a portfolio of evidence for each pupil in every subject they study. I must also mention the incredible way in which Year 11 pupils have approached this daunting exercise. They have been exceptional in the resilience and dedication they have shown to completing all the work in an extremely short time frame. Everyone concerned has dealt with immense pressure and I am very proud of all the effort that has been put in. I am sure that this process will result in all pupils receiving the results that they deserve in August.

As you know, we are still dealing with COVID and we have issued your child with additional testing kits this week so you can continue to test at home. If your child does display symptoms in the holidays you should book a test at a testing centre for them. If the result of the test is positive and they were in school within 48 hours of having symptoms, then you need to report it to us via our email at [clhs@lancasterhigh.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:clhs@lancasterhigh.lancs.sch.uk).

We will then identify who has been in close contact with your child and notify relevant staff and families. We will notify any close contacts of confirmed cases by text message in line with DFE guidance. If your child tests positive for Covid and they developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school then you do not need to contact us. Instead, you should contact NHS Test and Trace.

Lastly, can I take the opportunity to wish you all a very happy half term and a restful break.

Yours sincerely,



**Dr. Nick Walmsley**  
**Principal**

