



26 March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you for your support over the last term, both while students were working at home and also since they have returned to school. We have been delighted by how students have been so positive as they have come back to school and how well they have adapted to wearing facemasks in school.

#### Year 11 and Year 13 assessments

Our Year 11 and Year 13 students have been completing assessments this week that will contribute to the grading process this year. After a well-earned rest over Easter, they will return to a further week of assessments and further preparation for their second round of assessments. Despite the uncertainty about exams they have faced this year, students in these year groups have responded really well to these assessments and are working hard to achieve their best possible grade.

#### COVID-19 testing

Thank you for your support over the last 4 weeks with our in-school testing programme and testing at home. Students should continue to test over the Easter holiday and we will issue further test kits next term, if testing arrangements remain in place.

#### Next steps

We have just received further guidance from the Department for Education about the wearing of facemasks and other COVID-19 control measures. This guidance asks schools to continue with the control measures they currently have in place, including the wearing of facemasks. Until this guidance changes we will therefore continue to expect all students and members of staff to wear facemasks in school, unless they are exempt from doing so.

We hope to be able to make some changes next term to how school operates, if the Government's roadmap out of lockdown is followed. In particular we hope to give students from different year groups access to specialist teaching rooms and increase the number of extra-curricular activities on offer before the end of the academic year. Further details about this will follow in due course.

#### Training Day

School starts as normal on Monday 12 April for all students. Our training day is Friday 23 April when school will be closed to all students.

Best wishes for a healthy and restful Easter holiday

Yours sincerely

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