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Dear parent, guardian, carer

SONAR

I am delighted to share with you the new issue of our school magazine:

<https://sites.google.com/poolehigh.co.uk/sonar/issue-2>

Once again this celebrates a token number of the many great events we hope to host as we ease our way out of lockdown. You will find references to: our Lockdown Legends, Road to Tokyo, the CyberFirst Competition, Dorset Arts Week and much more.

Team GB sailor

Eve Kennedy (Y13) has secured a place in the highly esteemed GB squad and she regularly heads up national competitions. Eve needs to take this challenge further and improve on her current position of 7th in the World Championships. Summer 2021 in Garda is her opportunity to do this, however, currently she doesn't have the funding to attend. Eve is a dedicated and resilient student who deserves the opportunity to compete with the best and not be hindered by a lack of funds. If you feel willing and able please donate to help Eve reach her goal of being a World Champion please follow this link:

https://www.gofundme.com/f/eve-kennedy-sailing-summer-2021?utm_campaign=p_cf+share-flow-1&utm_medium=copy_link&utm_source=customer

Lateral Flow Tests

Following the announcement regarding mass lateral flow testing on return to school, we quickly rallied a team together to organise the mammoth task for testing students three times over a fortnight. It was with much trepidation that we arrived at school to welcome the first students onsite. We needn't have worried, the students arrived on time for their appointments and were impeccably behaved. 1581 tests were carried out over the first three days, enabling all students to be back at school by Thursday. Over the two week period the team carried out an impressive 4773 tests and managed to finish before schedule. A big thank you to parents, students, parent volunteers and staff for making this such a success. We couldn't have done it without your help.

Post Covid restrictions – social mixing in the community

Please can you reinforce the message to our students to respect the current restrictions limiting groups to a maximum of six people meeting outside. This is not due to be re-assessed until 17th May. Gatherings of more than six are not permitted and can lead to prosecution. Please ensure your children are aware of this.

Return to school

We look forward to welcoming students back to school for the summer term on Monday 19 April.

A reminder please to ensure that your son/daughter arrives promptly to school each day, ready to start at 8.25am in full school uniform and has a fully equipped pencil case including a calculator.

Finally, I wish students a restful Easter break and as always thank you parents for working with us and your commitment in making our community such a special place.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Gray
Headteacher