



ASTLEY COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

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Our Ref : GS/Easterbreak key dates

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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach the Easter break, I am writing to you to clarify details of the forthcoming holiday periods and key dates:

Easter Holidays

School closes to students: Friday 26 March 2.55 - 3.10pm

School re-opens to students: Tuesday 13 April 8:40 – 8.55am

Year 12 & 13 will be on study leave on Friday 26 March, due to the Year 11 Sixth Form Sampling Day. Work will be set by subject teachers on Google Classroom.

Monday 12 April is a teacher training day

May Day Bank Holiday

School is closed on Monday 3 May

May Half-Term Holiday

School closes to students: Friday 28 May 2.55 – 3.10pm

School re-opens to students: Monday 7 June 8.40 – 8.55am

A reminder to year 11 and 13 that you will have formal assessments taking place

Monday 26 April – Friday 7 May

We are always looking to improve our whole school attendance figure, so we would appreciate all parents supporting us to ensure that all students attend school on all other days around these scheduled breaks.

The forthcoming holiday is a good opportunity to ensure that your son/daughter has the correct equipment for school. We would appreciate your support in making sure that pupils return to school on **Tuesday 13 April** wearing regulation school uniform and have the required equipment for lessons with them each day. This applies to year 11 until the point at which they leave school.



In addition, please ensure that any “holiday haircuts/styles” do not breach school rules for the first day back after Easter. Many thanks to all parents/carers who continue to ensure that their son/ daughter has everything they need for school and attends well.

Free School Meals

Families entitled to Free School Meals will be issued with a £45 supermarket voucher to cover the Easter Holiday period. This is made up of £15 per week plus an additional £15 funded by the DWP Winter Support Grant. Any queries regarding these vouchers should be directed to the Finance Department, finance@svf.org.uk.

Contact Tracing

If your child develops symptoms of Covid-19 at any time over the Easter holidays you should arrange for them to have a PCR Test as soon as possible. If this test returns a positive result, you should contact school as a matter of urgency in order for us to carry out close-contact tracing. Please email reception@svf.org.uk or telephone the School Office on 0191 2371505.

Home Testing

Parents/carers who requested home-testing kits were issued with kits containing 6 tests. Testing isn't expected to be carried out over the Easter holidays other than a test the day before returning to school. Further test kits will be issued after the Easter holidays.

When will Year 11 and 13 students finish the academic year?

Unfortunately, we are still awaiting further guidance on this, we will let you know at our earliest opportunity.

Our aspirations for the students and the school continue to be very high and the return to school since 8 March has been very positive. Thank you for your support throughout this challenging time.

We wish you all a very pleasant Easter Holiday.

Kind regards



Graham Scott
Head of School