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Dear Parents,

Parent Updates and Reminders

Although we have only just returned to school, we are actually approaching the end of an incredibly long and challenging term for all of us and a much needed rest over the Easter holiday. However, there is still a lot going on around school in the lead up to the break.

Extra-Curricular activities

It has been so fantastic to see students beginning to engage in some extra-curricular activities during the week and, as we look ahead to the summer term, we are hoping to increase the range of activities on offer to all students. It goes without saying that our priority will continue to be maintaining our bubbles and the health and safety of all involved but, once risk assessed, students will be informed about the different activities available to them.

Testing

Thank you for your continued support with the testing process. This week has seen students move to completing their first home LFD test on Wednesday night and will need to be followed by another on Sunday. Despite some issues with registering results on the NHS website, the process appears to have gone well and I would like to thank all parents for recording the results onto the school form.

Unfortunately, in the final round of testing in school, we did have a positive case which has resulted in a small number of our Year 11 students needing to isolate until the start of the Easter holiday. We will continue to work hard to support all of these students and, unless they are unable to learn due to illness, we are looking forward to all the work being completed and submitted for teaching staff to review. Each day will also start with a live tutor session for the group of students.

Attendance

We are working hard to improve student attendance in school. As you can see below, there has been a big decline in attendance since last week. Please remember, every day missed means your son/daughter misses out on 5 hours of learning, a 15 minute tutor session and time with friends at break and lunch. Please work with us to get them into school when a tissue and some paracetamol will suffice, for example.

Whole School Target	98%	
Whole School Attendance (so far this academic year)	92.9%	
Attendance figures	08.03.2021- 12.03.2021	15.03.2021- 19.03.2021
Whole School	96.1%	92.6%
Year 7	94.4%	93.3%
Year 8	99.6%	98.7%
Year 9	94.5%	94%
Year 10	93.6%	87.5%
Year 11	99.6%	90.6%

Readiness to learn

Some students are arriving at school on a daily basis without the basic equipment and therefore not ready to learn. All parents are reminded that students should arrive at school every day with the basic equipment (pen, pencil, ruler, rubber, mini whiteboard, whiteboard pen, calculator, coloured pencils), a copy of their timetable (which has been given on a number of occasions) sturdy black shoes and full school uniform (although we have acknowledged some difficulties in sourcing aspects of uniform at the minute).

After Easter, we will be increasing our focus on readiness to learn and this will include rewarding those who are prepared for learning through use of merits and those who are not through demerits and, if necessary, detentions. We will provide some support with equipment to those who need it but please speak to your son/daughter about the importance of being prepared for their learning on a daily basis.

Mental health and wellbeing

Many parents are expressing concern to us about their child's mental health and how they can best support. Although we can signpost parents to a range of services and support in school, Psychological First Aid training is available to help children and young people affected by COVID from Public Health England and is free to access. It is aimed at parents, carers, health professionals and social workers. Please take a look using the link below:

CYP Psychological First Aid online course - FutureLearn

End of term plans

The term will end by recognising the fantastic efforts of our students within a range of rewards assemblies which are very enjoyable within school. A reminder that the school finishes at 12.30pm for students on Friday 26th March and that we will continue to expect the highest standards of behaviour and engagement up to the final minute of the term.

As always, please do contact us through the school email (enquiries@whs.lancs.sch.uk) should you have any questions or if we can help in any way.

Thank you for your on-going support. Take care.

Yours sincerely,

Mr J Lewis

Head of School