

Parental Update - 26/03/21

This week: *testing at home to continue over Easter ... key messages for Year 11 ... Relax with a book over Easter ... Rewards ... Reminders for next term ... Key Dates for next term*

As we reach the end of the spring term, we look forward to - hopefully - a brighter and more stable school environment back in school for the summer term. In the three weeks since our return, a total of 3 students have tested positive and this has led then to other students needing to isolate. That is I know in line with expectations and the numbers of students isolating in other schools in the area.

As we approach Easter now, a reminder that you should **continue to use the home testing kits** to test your child(ren) and complete a test on the day before our return to school after Easter. **We return on Monday 12th April.** If your child tests positive over the Easter break, please inform us via positivetest@wernethschool.com, isolate your child and seek a further test from a testing station. If the testing station test then returns negative, you can cease the isolation and let us know.

Year 11 students and carers.

- After Easter we will have **7 weeks** of teaching (or **35 school days**) remaining for our Year 11 students. It will fly by!
- The “normal” arrangements for Year 11 leaving must be very different this year.
- I can confirm that our provisional plans at this stage - *and these may be amended by the government or exam boards during the course of the next half term* - are that **Year 11s last day of teaching in school will be Friday 28th May.**
- There will then be a period of 2 weeks from Monday 7th June up to and including Friday 18th June when Year 11 students may need to come into school. This is **up to and including 18th June: please do not plan any holidays or other events that mean your child could not attend school if required to do so.** Students must be available to do this at our request. This arrangement up to 18th June will be to complete additional work or evidence for the exam boards as necessary.
- The exam boards are due to provide us in the next week with copies of their full guidance to schools, so we now need to work through that information. A reminder that there will be **internal tests in school up to 28th May** and we will provide you with more details on these after Easter.
- All of the Stockport headteachers have discussed how feasible it is to offer a range of “**leaving experiences**” for Year 11. We are obviously concerned that we cannot offer any social gathering before 21st June, and even after this date nothing is confirmed as the government will manage society returning to some form of return to normality. What we can say at this stage is that we are not planning a prom event. However, we are looking at how we can hold a leaving ceremony and goodbye event in school for Year 11. We will also be taking some form photographs for them, and providing these for every student free of charge. More information to come.
- A reminder that **Year 11 [virtual] Parents’ Evening** is on Thursday 15th April. If you have any issues with booking yourself onto this, please contact sarah.barnard@wernethschool.com in the first instance.
- Year 11s will be receiving their hoodies during next half term, as soon as they arrive into school.

Relax with a book over the Easter break

Half term would be the perfect chance to unwind with a good book so why not encourage your child to take part in our reading challenge. There are lots of good books in our [virtual library](#). Don't forget to send the reviews to helen.taylor@wernethschool.com. And we do have a [Reading Challenge](#) if you are interested.

Rewards

Every half term, we hold a draw in school for students who have excelled against set criteria. This half term, teachers have recognised students who had 100% lesson attendance during lockdown in their subject, and have shown an excellent attitude towards their learning since returning to school. **Congratulations to Lois in Year 9, who is this half term’s winner of a brand new laptop.** She was selected to be entered for the draw by Mr Nicholls as a result of her work in Geography.



Our Manchester United Hub Officer Phil McGrath has this week also been working with teachers to recognise students who have been working hard. It's always tough to recognise everyone, as we know so many of our students have displayed such excellence through these difficult times. But - working with teachers - we have rewarded some students today (Friday). They have shown consistently high attitude to learning across this academic year, despite the ongoing hurdles. These students won an MU gift box, which includes items of clothing, for their hard work. Well done to all the winners!

On behalf of everyone at Werneth School, I would like to thank the **Manchester United Foundation** for all that they have done during the pandemic to support children and families in our community: we appreciate it so much.

Congratulations as well to the many Easter Egg winners that have received their prizes this week across every year group for a variety of reasons in school.

A few reminders for Easter and beyond ...

- **Manchester United Foundation food parcels** will be delivered or available for collection from school reception next Wednesday - that will be the final week of this initiative.
- We need **full uniform** when we return.

- Don't forget to top up your school meal accounts.

Key [updated] Dates for the summer term

Most of these dates are subject to change as a result of any COVID implications.

<i>Week Commencing</i>	<i>Events</i>
<i>12th April</i>	<i>School returns on Monday 12th April at 8.40am Year 11 Virtual Parents Consultation Evening from 4pm on Thursday 15th April.</i>
<i>19th April</i>	
<i>26th April</i>	
<i>3rd May</i>	<i>Year 11 Internal Assessments for GCSEs</i>
<i>10th May</i>	<i>Year 11 Internal Assessments for GCSEs</i>
<i>17th May</i>	<i>Year 11 Internal Assessments for GCSEs</i>
<i>24th May</i>	<i>Year 11 formal lessons planned to finish. 2 weeks of checking after half term. School breaks up for half term on Friday 28th June at 3.10pm</i>
<i>31st May</i>	HALF TERM WEEK
<i>7th June</i>	<i>School returns at 8.40am on Monday 7th June. Year 7 Internal Examinations Year 11 may be asked for final checks and evidence for exam boards</i>
<i>14th June</i>	<i>Year 8 Internal Examinations this week Year 11 may be asked for final checks and evidence for exam boards</i>
<i>21st June</i>	<i>Year 9 Internal Examinations this week</i>
<i>28th June</i>	<i>Year 10 Internal Examinations this week Planned Year 6 transition day, and parents' evening on Weds 1st July</i>
<i>5th July</i>	<i>Year 10 Internal Examinations this week Key Stage 3 Awards Evenings this week</i>
<i>12th July</i>	<i>Planned Year 10 Careers Fair this week (and Year 9 if restrictions allow numbers)</i>
<i>19th July</i>	<i>Break up for the summer on Wednesday 21st July at 12 midday</i>

Term dates for 21/22 are on our website.

Have a wonderful Easter break and we will see you again on **Monday 12th April** for the summer term.