

Parental Update: Friday 25th June 2021

This update includes: COVID Update and Reminders; Year 10 Mock Exams; 5* Catering in school; Pride Flags; Ex-pupil with high career plans



COVID REMINDERS - It is crucial **PLEASE** that you continue to **test using the lateral flow tests twice weekly at home for every pupil and also the rest of your family**. If you run out of tests, your child can speak to Medical Needs Officer Mrs Rothwell in our main office for more tests. Should you receive a **positive test** from this process, you should keep your child at home and inform school as soon as possible via positivecase@wernethschool.com and by contacting megan.rothwell@wernethschool.com via telephone or email. She will advise you of next steps.

2 Werneth School specific COVID updates:

- We have isolated a group of nine students from Year 10 today following a positive case. We will ensure they have an opportunity to sit their exams when they return.
- Following extensive discussion with colleagues in Public Health England and a range of professionals, including our primary headteacher colleagues, I have today decided to cancel our Year 6 Transition Day next Thursday. We delayed as long as we could, but it has become apparent that we would struggle to create a useful day for the Year 6 students: we would need to keep them isolated in small bubbles all day, including at break and lunchtime, and keep them in a single location for the day. This would not be a positive or worthwhile experience for them. We will run our day in full when the Year 7s arrive in September, and we will be sending out some materials and opportunities to meet form tutors virtually over the next few weeks. It's frustrating but our primary colleagues share our concerns in respect of their return back to primaries the following day having mixed in high schools.

Year 10 Internal Examinations: The Year 10 exams will still take place from Monday. Good luck to all of our Year 10 students. Please remember that you need to come to your exams equipped with your own pen, pencil, ruler, calculator in a clear pencil case or clear plastic bag.

Reminder that the exams for Option Block Subjects will take place in classrooms, so that we can minimise large groups in the Main Hall. The exams for Maths, English and Science will take place in the Main Hall, with reduced numbers ... the core exams are delivered in half year blocks which means we have fewer students in the hall for these exams and can space students out. The timetable is here

YEAR 10 MOCK EXAMINATION TIMETABLE						
	Periods 1 / 2	Periods 3 / 4			Periods 1 / 2	Periods 3 / 4
Mon 28/6	10Y Science Exam Hall	10X English Exam Hall		Mon 5/7		10C Options Classrooms
Tue 29/6	10A Options Classrooms	10Y English Exam Hall		Tue 6/7	10Y Maths Exam Hall	10X Science Exam Hall
Wed 30/6	10X Maths Exam Hall			Wed 7/7	10B Option Classrooms	
Thu 1/7	10Y English Exam Hall			Thu 8/7	10Y Maths Exam Hall	
Fri 2/7	10X English Exam Hall			Fri 9/7	10X Maths Exam Hall	

Congratulations to our 5* Catering Team!



Our Catering services in school are provided by Taylor Shaw. I am very pleased to inform you that we have received a visit from the Environmental Health Department and our school kitchen has received a 5 star award from the Food Standard Agency this week. To receive 5 stars, standards have to be excellent and fully comply with the law. Congratulations to the catering team on all their hard work.

From September the catering hatch in the canteen will have a new hatch design. In Year 7 and 8 there will be an external catering pod and an internal catering area in Hart Space. Further information to follow...

Pride - Flag Display

Miss Smith in Modern Languages reports that “an amazing group of year 8 students in A7 at lunchtime have willingly, and enthusiastically, spent their lunch helping to cut out and identify all of the different pride flags which were going to be made into a bunting for a display. This group was so mature and respectful to everyone involved and I’m proud of how open and honest they were in their discussions about Pride month and the various flags. Their contribution to this project has and will continue to open up more conversations with our students about Pride in and out of school.”



Ex pupil flying high in London!

Mrs Oakes received a telephone call this week from Tameside college to tell her all about Daniel Gavin, an ex pupil who left 2 years ago. Mrs Oakes says “Daniel Gavin, an ex pupil from 2019, has secured a 3 month placement at Galvin at Windows in London Hilton on Park Lane. This prestigious restaurant serves Modern French haute cuisine and hand-picked wines with 28th-floor views over Hyde Park. Daniel, who is studying level 3 hospitality supervision at Tameside College, will be a food and beverage assistant serving and waiting on tables front of house. It is an amazing opportunity and experience for Daniel who successfully beat other candidates to the position. We wish him all the luck and success for the future.” Well done Daniel!

Have a good, safe weekend!