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Dear Parents/Carers

Update April 2022

I hope that you and your families are well.

Please see below for updates relating to Covid-19 and for information on upcoming assessments and examinations.

Covid-19

From 1st April, the following guidance will apply in all school settings:

- Children and young people (those up to the age of 18) who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend
- Adults (those aged 18 and over) with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature
- Adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. Children and young people aged 18 and under who test positive should stay at home for 3 days and where possible avoid contact with others
- Schools and Colleges are no longer able to provide Lateral Flow Tests (LFTs)

Please inform the school office if your son/daughter tests positive or is self-isolating due to symptoms.

Internal and National Examinations

The next few weeks see internal examinations taking place for students in Years 10 and 12, followed by national examinations for students in Years 11 and 13.

The Year 10 examination week takes place next week (from Monday 4th April). Students have been working hard in recent weeks in the build-up to these assessments. Although they do not count towards any final grades, they are a useful indicator of standards and allow students their first experience of assessments completed in full examination conditions. We ask that students take the time to revise and prepare properly for each examination, thereby giving their teachers a clear indication of their strengths and the topics/skills they need to develop further.

Year 12 internal examinations take place after Easter during the week beginning the 25th April. As with the Year 10 examinations, these assessments are set and marked by their teachers, although they again provide a key benchmark



in terms of their progress and an indication for future planning. We encourage students to take the time over the Easter break to revise thoroughly.

The national summer examination series for students in Years 11 and 13 begins next half-term, from Monday 9th May. Students have been issued with their examination timetables so that they can start to plan their revision accordingly. Lots of support is available for students in school, both through their regular lessons and through extra revision sessions. We encourage students to take advantage of these sessions in order to support their progress, check their understanding and to address any misconceptions.

Whilst we work hard to build student confidence and prepare them fully for all assessments, we recognise that this may be a stressful time for some students. We encourage all students to talk to staff, whether that be their teacher, form tutor or head of year, in order that we can help. Our aim is to ensure that all students feel ready to do their best in each examination they sit.

Please get in touch if you have any questions or if we can help with anything at all.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Taylor', written in a cursive style.

Mr M Taylor
Headteacher