



Thursday 15th October 2020

COVID-19 reminders for Key Stage 4 students

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are grateful to all parents for the work that you have done to support a safe return to school, throughout this first half term back. There has been much that has been achieved in Years 10 and 11. The attendance of students has been high and they have been eager to learn and catch up what they might have missed during the school closure. Indeed, we are looking forward to recognising their successes in the first celebration assembly of the term next week.

However, as we have been successful with the return to school it is easy to get complacent and therefore I am asking for your support in reinforcing the behaviours and routines that all students should be following both inside and outside of school.

In particular this means that we ask you to support us in explaining to your children that socialising outside of their school bubble increases risks of whole year groups being sent home. They need to avoid parties and other events that are above 6 in number and reduce their contact with students from other schools. Recently there have been situations where significant numbers of students from various schools have gathered together, and subsequently these students have been asked to self-isolate as they have come into contact with students from other schools who have tested positive for COVID-19. *Students should not attend events or meet up with groups larger than 6.* The rule of 6 is the law and after the Prime Minister's recent statements this is likely to be enforced more stringently.

Any breaking of these measures increases the risk of a positive test within our school. Such a test could very well trigger an entire year group having to isolate, which would mean more time away from school and also the students not being allowed out at the weekends either.

As a reminder, if your child has symptoms (persistent dry cough, fever/hot to the touch or loss of taste or smell) they should not come in and you should let school know straight away. Please do not send your child in if you or they are awaiting a test result.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support and please do not hesitate to contact your child's tutor if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely,

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