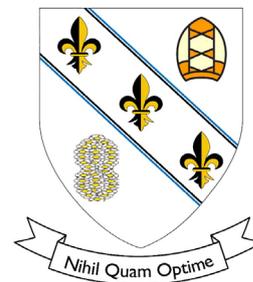


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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

Update 3

Year 11

We are waiting to hear the outcome of the consultation on GCSE results. When we have that information, we will write to you.

Careers Bulletin

Please see the attached careers bulletin, which is particularly for the attention of Year 11.

Return to School

We have been told that schools will not reopen before March 8th. In fact, we are open now to some pupils and we are continuing to work hard to ensure that the educational experience of your child is as good as it can be. It is very difficult to anticipate when we will reopen fully, but as soon as we have more information, we will let you know.

Planning for a full reopening

In order to give you a picture of the situation, it is our intention to draft a plan by the end of this half-term. The firmness of this plan will very much depend upon the information we are provided with.

Lateral Flow Tests

We are testing pupils who are in school on a weekly basis. The test is simple, safe and takes approximately three minutes. It is highly unlikely to pick up false positives. We have conducted hundreds of tests and have not had a single positive result. It seems that the test will accurately pick up two thirds of all positive people. This is therefore an extremely important test.

One reason that Covid-19 is so deadly is that approximately one third of those who contract it have no symptoms and therefore spread the virus without knowing they have it. The test will pick up most asymptomatic people who have the virus.

If you are sending your child to school, kindly complete the form that has been sent to you via the link within your email at the earliest opportunity, so that we can make the environment as safe as possible.

Pupil work

We have been delighted with the approach adopted by our pupils to the work they have been set and to the live lessons. Should your child be struggling, please do let us know. We are here to help and recognise how difficult this is for you. We are lucky to live in an area characterised by tenacious, independent and hardworking families.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully

M Johnson
Executive Headteacher