



29th March 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian

It has been so lovely to welcome our students back into the Academy and as the nights get lighter and the weather is beginning to feel a little bit warmer we can all start to hope that we have turned a corner with this pandemic and good times are ahead.

What a term it has been – I don't think any of us could have predicted this at this point last year! This third lockdown seemed to be the hardest and we were so relieved to get the children back in school. Thank you for all your support, especially when the children were learning at home, I know for some of you that trying to work and home school your children proved challenging at times. I also know that some of you have experienced loss and this has been a particularly difficult time for you and your family and our thoughts and prayers are with you.

The students have come back to school wanting to learn and happy to be with their friends and school staff. We have been delighted to see them and there is nothing better than watching them at lunchtime out on the field or astroturf spending time with their friends. The teaching staff have been working hard on reconnecting the curriculum and ensuring that no child, regardless of their experience during this pandemic is disadvantaged. The Horizons Project has been fundamental to ensuring that learning continued during lockdown but it is now important that we also return to some of our more traditional methods to support learning and we don't become over-reliant on technology and it is purely used to enhance the students learning experience.

Attendance is now key to ensuring that we make up for lost time and well done to Miss Jones' Year 11 tutor group who last week achieved 100% attendance – this was a fantastic achievement and Miss Jones was very proud of them as a group. Whilst we appreciate that over the course of the next few months, some children will have to isolate, especially with the increase in COVID numbers in our area; when they can, everyone else needs to be in school as we know that that is the best way that children make progress, by having a teacher in front of them. The Government are being very strict on attendance and we are being tracked very carefully to ensure that students are in school.

I have personally spoken to all of the Year 11 students this week to update them with the procedures for the Teacher Assessed Grades which are in place of GCSE examinations this summer. I made it clear that they need to be in school learning and every second counts.

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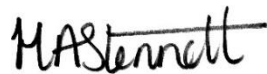


If they have to isolate then they must ensure that they complete all of the work as time is of the essence for staff to collect high-quality evidence for them. More details will be sent out to parents as soon as we have more information from the examination boards, which is expected on or around the 5th April but in the meantime, until we know more, we will continue to ensure that they are producing the highest quality work.

As expected, we have seen an increase in the number of positive COVID cases within the Academy, this is because most households now have home testing kits and we are able to identify those children who are asymptomatic and isolate them, along with anyone that they have been in close contact with, thus, preventing the virus from spreading. As has been reported in the national and local press this week there has been a big increase nationally in the number of school age children testing positive as we now have to report a lateral flow home test as a positive test and deal with it following our procedures.

We break up on Thursday 1st April for the Easter holiday at normal times and return on Monday 19th April. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very Happy Easter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "H Stennett". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end of the name.

Ms H Stennett
Principal