



# Hanham Matters

Weekly bulletin for Hanham Woods Academy

## Week Ending 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Over the last 10 days we have seen 5 new positive COVID-19 cases in the Academy. On each occasion we have undertaken the lengthy close contact tracing process and asked those students identified to self-isolate for 10 days. We currently have over 180 students self-isolating.

I am aware that there was some confusion with one of the cases where emails failed to arrive to parents/carers - I can only apologise for this. We have contacted the company with which our email system is based and they do not have any answers either. We have changed our process now so a text will also be sent to parents/carers to confirm if your child is a close contact or not and how long they need to isolate for – once again I am sorry for any confusion and anxiety caused.

The new 'delta' variant appears to be more transmissible than the previous variants so it is essential we all work together to reduce the spread of COVID-19. This means:

- Not sending your child into the Academy if they or anyone in the household has symptoms
- Ensuring your child washes / sanitises their hands regularly
- Avoid being closer than 2m to any adult, where possible
- Follow all one-way systems around the Academy
- Avoid being in contact with students in other Year Groups, where possible

Whenever students are asked to self-isolate we always set online learning. We prefer to put live or pre-recorded lessons on Show My Homework but it may be necessary to utilise the 'working from home' section of the website for the first 24 hours – we will endeavour to direct you to the correct area to access the work set.

This week I received notification that the Academy has been awarded a 'Certificate of Excellence' in the National Teaching Awards coordinated by Pearson Education. These prestigious awards are held each year and our award – 'The 2021 Lockdown Hero Award for Learner and Community Support' is in recognition of our support of our community in providing high quality education but also the great work in providing food boxes for disadvantage families. I am incredibly proud of our Academy and the community in which it sits. This award is testament to the hard work and dedication of teachers, leaders, support staff, pastoral and welfare teams as well as parents/carers and students who all played their part. Thank you so much to everyone involved.

On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July we will hold our Year 7 Parents Evening. Parents/Carers should have received details about how to book appointments. These appointments are all 'virtual' via video conferencing on our parents evening software. It is really important as many parents/carers as possible sign up for appointments to receive feedback about your child's progress and to set targets for the future. If you have any issues booking appointments please do contact reception.

This year has been hugely successful for developing our reading culture across the Academy. We now have class reading being undertaken 3 or 4 mornings a week in Years 7 to 9; the aim is that every lesson has an element of reading included within it; our Year 7 students have enjoyed their Accelerated Reader lessons and next year we will be able to offer this in Year 7 and Year 8. All of this, together with bespoke interventions for individual students, means our drive to improve Literacy is really having an impact on young people's lives.



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Finally, our amazing Year 10 students begin their Pre-Public Exams (PPEs) next week. These exams are important milestones to ascertain where each student is currently, and what they need to do to progress further next academic year. I wish them every success with these assessments – try not to stress about them, just do your best!

Many thanks

**Thank you for your continued support.**

**Mr Kneller | Principal**

## **CALENDAR- Week Beginning 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

DATE	EVENT
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Athletics Club (3-4pm)</li><li>• Basketball Club (3-4pm)</li></ul>
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Multi-Sport Club for KS3 Boys (3-4pm)</li></ul>
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Year 7 Virtual Parents Evening (4-7pm)</li><li>• GCSE PE &amp; BTEC Sport Practical Assessment</li><li>• Kwik-Cricket &amp; Softball Club (3-4pm) Boys Only</li><li>• Rounders Club (3-4pm) Girls Only</li><li>• Tennis Club (3-4pm)</li></ul>
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• GCSE PE &amp; BTEC Sport Targeted Support (3-4pm)</li></ul>

## **CALENDAR- Week Beginning 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

DATE	EVENT
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Athletics Club (3-4pm)</li><li>• Basketball Club (3-4pm)</li></ul>
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Multi-Sport Club for KS3 Boys (3-4pm)</li></ul>
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Year 7 Virtual Parents Evening (4-7pm)</li><li>• GCSE PE &amp; BTEC Sport Practical Assessment</li><li>• Kwik-Cricket &amp; Softball Club (3-4pm) Boys Only</li><li>• Rounders Club (3-4pm) Girls Only</li><li>• Tennis Club (3-4pm)</li></ul>
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• GCSE PE &amp; BTEC Sport Targeted Support (3-4pm)</li></ul>