



Hanham Matters

Weekly bulletin for Hanham Woods Academy

Week Beginning 14th June 2021

Welcome to Term 6 of this extraordinary academic year. Whilst society has opened up a little over the last few months, new variants of COVID-19 have meant that it is still essential we continue to follow guidance and our systems of control in the Academy. I am very grateful to those parents/carers who are ensuring their child(ren) undertake LFD tests twice weekly. This is identifying those people who are asymptomatic and reducing the spread of COVID-19. I am also very grateful to staff and students who follow our guidance in the Academy, especially:

- Not attending if you or someone in your household is showing symptoms of COVID-19;
- Washing and / or sanitising hands regularly;
- Maintaining 2m distance from adults at all times;
- Following our one-way systems we have put in place;
- Cleaning all equipment after use including tables and chairs.

We have also maintained our staggered approach to arrival, break, lunch and departure times, all of which is contributing to reducing the spread of COVID-19. As I write this newsletter we have not been informed of any further positive cases amongst staff or students since we returned to the Academy in March.

We wrote to parents/carers just before half term with reminders of uniform expectations, rules around use of mobile phones and other basic routines and policies. I am very grateful for your ongoing support with all of these issues. We have a very small minority of students who are now not in perfect uniform and we continue to work with them and their parents/carers; also, the number of mobile phones being seen around the Academy has reduced significantly; all of this has contributed to improved attitudes and standards. In addition, recent evidence suggests this will have a positive impact on mental health and wellbeing and on standards of learning. We know teaching and learning is the most important thing and we continue to work with both staff and students on this, but your support in ensuring high expectations are met on a daily basis contributes to this.

I wanted to give you advance warning of some upcoming important dates:

- Thursday **24th June 2021** - Year 8 Parents Evening
- Thursday **1st July 2021** - Year 7 Parents Evening

These events will be virtual, using video-conferencing and more details, including how to book an appointment, will be sent to you shortly.

- Friday **2nd July 2021** – INSET day (this date has been in the calendar all year). All staff are involved in the twice-yearly Cabot Learning Federation Conference

Finally,

- Wednesday **23rd June 2021** is national 'Thank a Teacher' day

If you or your child would like to thank a teacher who has had a positive impact on them, or who has gone the extra mile to support them, please do take this opportunity to send them a thank you. Click on [Thank A Teacher](#) and complete the form which takes less than 2 minutes. That member of staff will then receive a thank you. I cannot tell you the lift staff get when they receive these so please do try and make the time if you can.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Kneller | Principal



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CALENDAR- Week Beginning 14th June 2021

DATE	EVENT
Monday 14 th June	
Tuesday 15 th June	
Wednesday 16 th June	
Thursday 17 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Principal's Parents' Forum (17.30-19:00)
Friday 18 th June	

CALENDAR- Week Beginning 21st June 2021

DATE	EVENT
Monday 21 st June	
Tuesday 22 nd June	
Wednesday 23 rd June	
Thursday 24 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Y8 Virtual Parents Evening (16:00-19:00)
Friday 25 th June	