



# Hanham Matters

Weekly bulletin for Hanham Woods Academy

## Week Beginning 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Thank you very much for all your hard work in testing students twice a week at home; please do remember that if your child or in anyone in your household has COVID symptoms then you must self-isolate, seek a PCR test and follow guidance from the NHS. We will be issuing more home test kits this week to students. We have had no further cases of COVID-19 reported to us from any member of staff or from students. Please do continue to communicate any symptoms or positive cases as we move forward.

Last week we had a very successful Year 11 Parents Evening. Thank you to those involved. If there were any technical issues or anything you would like to follow up, please do not hesitate to contact Miss Peyton at [anya.peyton@clf.uk](mailto:anya.peyton@clf.uk) or Miss Tushingam at [rebecca.tushingam@clf.uk](mailto:rebecca.tushingam@clf.uk), either of whom will be able to support you.

I also ran a live Microsoft Teams event on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March for Year 11 parents/carers where I outlined what we knew from the Government about the awarding of GCSE grades; basically, the Government are advising us to make a holistic, well rounded judgement based on a whole range of evidence, which can include PPEs, Mock Exams, Coursework, assessments in class and out of class, as well as classwork, homework and work completed during lockdown - it is a full range of evidence available to us to award grades based on the subject content taught, not necessarily the full course. We continue to work with students to diagnose where their next steps are, teach them either new content or going over existing content and then assess them on that, with a view that those assessments can enhance the grades that the teacher has already collected. Further details and guidance are expected from the Government and we will, of course, follow this.

As we move into Term 5 it is important to remind ourselves of some key expectations we have at Hanham Woods Academy.

- **Uniform** – we are expecting students to wear full uniform with pride. This means following the full uniform guidance outlined on our website. On days when your child has PE lessons they should wear their PE kit with a black sweatshirt and black tracksuit over the top if they wish to. Hoodies should not be worn.
- **Attendance** – unless your child, or someone in the household, has symptoms of COVID-19, or they have another serious illness or injury, we expect all students to attend the Academy every day.
- **Punctuality** – It is essential students arrive at the Academy on time EVERY day. We will be keeping the same staggered arrival times which are:

Year 7 and Year 9 arrive between 8.15am and 8.25am

Year 8 and Year 10 arrive between 8.25am and 8.35am

Year 11 arrive between 8.35am and 8.45am

Thank you for your support in maintaining the high expectations we have set out at the Academy. Research continues to show that having clear routines and expectations is important in supporting the mental health of young people as they return to some form of normality.

When we return after Easter it is essential that all students attend every lesson every day to ensure they are well prepared for upcoming assessments. Years 7 and 8 will have MCQ assessments in Term 6. This will be a combination of module 3 (which was disrupted by lockdown and home learning), and module 4, which is beginning after Easter. Years 9 and 10 will be preparing for their end of year assessments too. These assessments are key for identifying areas of strength and next steps in terms of targets to improve further. More details will be circulated about these assessments during Terms 5 and 6.



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The Year 9 options process, where students select the subjects they wish to study at GCSE level, is nearing completion. Students have submitted their options forms and are being spoken to by senior members of staff. Mr O'Callaghan is contacting a small number of parents/carers where options issues have been identified. Once these conversations have been completed, we will write to confirm your child's option subjects. Year 9 students do also have the option of applying for a place at a studio school to study GCSE's; DigiTech and IKB are two such local schools. If your child has a passion for and expertise in creative digital media or STEM subjects, I encourage you to have a look at these schools' websites and make further enquiries.

Can I take this opportunity to wish you all a pleasant Easter break. We look forward to welcoming all students back to the Academy on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April for the start of Term 5.

**Thank you for your continued support.**

**Mr Kneller | Principal**

WEEK BEGINNING 19 <sup>th</sup> APRIL 2021	
DATE	EVENT
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Start of Term 5
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	PE Extra Curricular – to be updated
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	PE Extra Curricular – to be updated
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	PE Extra Curricular – to be updated
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	PE Extra Curricular – to be updated

WEEK BEGINNING 26 <sup>th</sup> APRIL 2021	
DATE	EVENT
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	PE Extra Curricular – to be updated
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	PE Extra Curricular – to be updated
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	PE Extra Curricular – to be updated
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	PE Extra Curricular – to be updated
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	PE Extra Curricular – to be updated