



# Hanham Matters

Weekly bulletin for Hanham Woods Academy

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

As another very challenging term ends I would like to offer my thanks to all our amazing families for their ongoing support. We have had around 100 vulnerable and key worker students onsite every day who have worked hard to complete their learning and enrichment activities. The vast majority of the Academy community have been at home working and this needs us to work together so young people are safe, fed and in-learning. We have continued to support some of our most vulnerable families through the delivery of food parcels and other resources, including laptops. We have had exceptionally good engagement with our online learning offer during this lockdown. All of this will help massively when students return full-time to the Academy. We are missing those students who currently are not attending and really want everyone back as soon as it is safe enough to do so. We await the announcement for the Government on or around 22<sup>nd</sup> February as to the steps to re-open schools and the wider economy.

We continue to operate our COVID-19 testing centre. We have conducted over 500 tests of students and staff during this term. Whilst only recording one positive test result, it has provided reassurance for both staff and students working onsite but we must not become complacent. We continue to operate our systems of control including frequent hand washing or sanitising, social distancing whenever possible, staggered break and lunch times and extensive cleaning regimes are in place. Once we know the plans for wider re-opening of schools we will follow guidance on testing all students and will share our plans. It is essential for parents/carers to provide consent for their children so please do provide this using the forms previously circulated.

We have had to make some date changes to the previously published Academy calendar. As previously stated, we have added a Year 10 Parents Evening on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March. We have postponed the Year 8 Parents Evening until Term 5 and I will confirm that date as soon as possible. We have also taken the decision to move the INSET day from Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March to Term 5 too. It seems counter-productive to take an INSET day so close to when students return (we may be in the midst of a staggered return to school if that's what the Government decide.) The INSET day is still essential for a whole range of staff training and data entry and moderation reasons so we will find a more suitable date in Term 5 and communicate this to everyone.

Whilst I know half term will be somewhat different to a usual February half term, please do encourage your child to get some rest from screen time and school work. Encourage them to get outside as much as possible providing it is safe to do so. It may also be a good time to engage in some creative activities such as photography, cooking or some arts and crafts. A good sing-song or Kitchen Disco are also great family activities to encourage laughter and mindfulness.

Thank you all once again for your ongoing support, for your messages of thanks which staff are always uplifted by and for supporting your child through these unprecedented times. Better times are just around the corner now, stay safe, stay strong and please do reach out if you need any support using our dedicated email address [HWAclosure@clf.uk](mailto:HWAclosure@clf.uk)

**Mr Kneller | Academy Principal**



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<b>WEEK BEGINNING 22<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY 2021</b> <b>Year 11 Assessment Week 1</b>	
<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	• Smart Live Assemblies – ALL YEAR GROUPS: 8.45am
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	• Smart Live Assemblies – ALL YEAR GROUPS: 8.45am
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	• Smart Live Assemblies – ALL YEAR GROUPS: 8.45am
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	• Smart Live Assemblies – ALL YEAR GROUPS: 8.45am
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	• Smart Live Assemblies – ALL YEAR GROUPS: 8.45am

<b>WEEK BEGINNING 1<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2021</b> <b>Year 11 Assessment Week 2</b>	
<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	• Smart Live Assemblies – ALL YEAR GROUPS: 8.45am
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	• Smart Live Assemblies – ALL YEAR GROUPS: 8.45am
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	• Smart Live Assemblies – ALL YEAR GROUPS: 8.45am
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	• Smart Live Assemblies – ALL YEAR GROUPS: 8.45am
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	• Smart Live Assemblies – ALL YEAR GROUPS: 8.45am