



Hanham Matters

Weekly bulletin for Hanham Woods Academy

Week Beginning 16th November 2020

You will have seen that the significant rise in COVID-19 cases in both Bristol and South Gloucestershire has continued. We have thus far had 7 confirmed cases amongst staff and students. Whilst being relatively low compared to other schools locally, it is important to remember that each positive case means a member of our Academy is unwell and we wish all who have COVID-19 a speedy recovery. A more significant impact is being felt from cases in the community with siblings, parents/carers or other household members either having symptoms or testing positive. This has resulted in increased student and staff absence. We are currently managing the situation by combining groups, where feasible, and utilising supply teachers or teaching assistants. It is proving a real challenge but we are endeavouring to keep the Academy open to all students who are well enough and have no symptoms or positive test.

It is really important to continue to follow all the guidance issued especially not sending your child to the Academy if there are symptoms or a positive case in the household, washing and/or sanitising hands regularly, maintaining social distancing whenever possible both within and beyond the Academy and wearing face coverings when moving around the Academy in corridors and communal areas. Thank you for your ongoing support with all our COVID-19 precautionary measures.

Our amazing Year 11 students are showing great resilience by undertaking their Pre-Public Exams (PPEs) currently. They have prepared really well for these exams, have behaved impeccably throughout the exam period and will now be able to work with their teachers to identify their strengths and their areas of development moving forward. We are obviously aware that some students have missed some of their exams due to absence. Exam papers in options subjects have either been sent home or will be given to the students to complete at home, in exam conditions and returned to their teachers. We will endeavour to ensure students sit their English, Maths and Science papers during a catch-up week from Monday 23rd November. Data will be shared with students and parents/carers by 10th December when we hope to hold a Year 11 'virtual' Parents Evening; more details to follow about this event.

We showed our support and thanks to all the 'fallen war heroes' last week. On the 11th day of the 11th month the Academy stood still for a minute's silence following the playing of The Last Post. Students had been colouring Poppies in all week and these were displayed in classroom windows; it was an emotional and poignant moment which was observed perfectly by all staff and students.

Finally, we will be circulating next week some short presentations for Year 7 parents/carers and details of how to book your 'virtual' individual tutor appointments to discuss with your child's tutor how well your Year 7 child has settled in to life at Hanham Woods Academy. It also provides an opportunity to raise any concerns you may have with your child's tutor.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Kneller | Principal



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CALENDAR- Week Beginning 16th November:

DATE	EVENT
Monday 16 th November	
Tuesday 17 th November	
Wednesday 18 th November	
Thursday 19 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Drama exam
Friday 20 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Drama exam

CALENDAR- Week Beginning 23rd November:

DATE	EVENT
Monday 23 rd November	
Tuesday 24 th November	
Wednesday 25 th November	
Thursday 26 th November	
Friday 27 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Y11 Performance meeting