



Hanham Matters

Weekly bulletin for Hanham Woods Academy

Week Beginning 28th September 2020

Thank you for your ongoing support with maintaining our strong approach to COVID-19 crisis. The vast majority of students continue to keep themselves and others safe by following all guidance and instructions. This is now more important than ever as case transmission rates rise in the community. Please ensure you follow all guidance especially by not sending your child into the Academy if anyone in the household has symptoms. Please call NHS on 111 and follow their advice but please do contact our absence line too.

We have had a couple of near misses involving cars and bikes in the last couple of weeks. One was due to a lack of awareness by one of our students on their bike and another due to cars trying to access the site at the end of the day. If you have permission to collect your child from the car park you will have been issued a car park pass – no other cars are permitted on the Academy site. Could I also ask that if your child rides a bike or scooter to the Academy that you spend time reminding them of road safety. I would also strongly encourage all students who ride to wear a helmet.

As we move into Autumn and Winter the weather will obviously worsen for a period of time. We would recommend your child has a waterproof coat (which should be of plain colour) to keep them protected from the elements. One of the unintended consequences of having split break / lunch is that there is more space available for each Year Group to sit and have their lunch and/or socialise calmly with their peers. Each Year Group has a designated area for wet weather:

- Year 7 Tutor Groups A, B, C – Canteen / Tutor Groups D, E, F – Foyer or Hall
- Year 8 Foyer or Hall
- Year 9 Foyer or Hall
- Year 10 Canteen or Dance Studio
- Year 11 Canteen or Dance Studio

There are also several undercover outdoor areas available in each Year Group's 'zone' for them to shelter from the elements too.

You will be aware that we are asking students to wear PE kit on the days they have PE lessons as government guidelines currently do not allow the use of changing rooms due to COVID-19. The PE Department have been really impressed by the standard of kit worn by the students this year so far - thank you for your support with this. As the cold and wet weather arrive in the coming days and weeks we continue to permit the students to wear the following items over their PE kit:

- Black tracksuit bottoms or sports leggings
- A plain black sweatshirt / jumper or school rugby shirt / fleece
- A plain coloured coat

Next week Year 7 and 8 students will begin their Multiple Choice Question (MCQ) assessments. These assessments are low stakes tests that identify what your child has learned since the start of term and also identifies areas for improvement at year, class and individual level. Students can prepare by testing themselves using their knowledge organisers which they all have a copy of and can also be found on our website. It is important that students take these assessments seriously and follow the instructions during the tests but that they do not place undue pressure or stress on themselves.

Apologies to our Year 11 students and parents/carers who were expecting Steps to Success presentations and resources to be released on Thursday 1st October. Due a technical issue with recording the presentations these will now be released early next week. You may remember that our Steps to Success event supports students and their families in making informed decisions Post-16 and helping support them through upcoming Pre-Public Exams (PPE's)

Finally, we are currently recruiting for Exam Invigilators. Please visit Cabot Learning Federation website for more details if you feel this role would be suitable for yourself or someone you know.

Thank you for your continued support - Mr Kneller | Principal



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CALENDAR – Week Beginning 5th October:

DATE	EVENT
Monday 5 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• KS3 MCQs• Academy Tour for Year 7 Prospective Students.
Tuesday 6 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• KS3 MCQs• Academy Tour for Year 7 Prospective Students
Wednesday 7 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• KS3 MCQs• Academy Tour for Year 7 Prospective Students.
Thursday 8 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• KS3 MCQs• Academy Tour for Year 7 Prospective Students.• Y7 Tutor Feedback (Details to follow on how this will take place)
Friday 9 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• KS3 MCQs

CALENDAR – Week Beginning 12th October:

DATE	EVENT
Monday 12 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• KS3 MCQs
Tuesday 13 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• KS3 MCQs
Wednesday 14 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• KS3 MCQs
Thursday 15 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• KS3 MCQs• Principal's Forum (virtual event) @ 5.30pm
Friday 16 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• KS3 MCQs