

27 May 2021

Dear Parents

There is plenty of important information within this newsletter, so I will keep my introduction brief. I wish you and your family a wonderful half term break. It is much deserved and let's hope the weather is kind and it feels like a holiday whether you get away or not. Thank you for your continued support this term.

### Uniform

As lockdown has eased it provides us with the opportunity to get our uniform standards back on track. We expect boys to be in full school uniform after half term. Now shops are back open we expect school shoes, grey trousers, shirt, blazer and tie. With the warmer weather coming we do not expect to see coats or hats being worn in classrooms. We are still unable to provide changing rooms when your son has Sport, but we do expect your son to be wearing school branded PE kit on the applicable sporting day(s). If your son does not possess a school tracksuit he may wear a tracksuit of sombre colour. We do not want to see hoodies. Many thanks for your continued support in this area. We do have high standards and we expect them to be met.

### Year 11 - Into the Sixth Programme

We hope the May Assessments have gone smoothly for our Year 11 students and we wish them a well-deserved break over half term. In a normal year they would be sitting their GCSE Exams during this period up until the end of June. In order to make good use of this available time we expect all our students to take part in our Into the Sixth Programme. This proved very successful last year and allowed for a smooth transition into the Sixth Form for our current Year 12 students.

Your son has been allocated to a Microsoft Team within each of his chosen A-level subjects. He will be able to access his Teams after the half term break. Within each team is a 4-week programme of study which should take him up to the end of June. Whilst this is only a period of just over 3 weeks, we want to provide enough material to allow the students to extend themselves into a fourth week should they wish (we also appreciate that students work at different rates).

Each subject has provided a variety of resources and a number of tasks to be completed. We expect all students to embrace their chosen subjects and if they have any concerns they should contact the Subject Leader. There is no need for the students to register at 0845. We hope this is a good opportunity to prepare them for the next level of learning and that it will allow them to build their independent learning skills which are a vital component of Sixth Form study.

### Physical Activity Day/Learn at home days, 9-11 June

You have already received notification that in the week after half term we are having three Learn at Home days for Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12. This will allow the students to prepare for the following week's internal exams. We do however, expect **all students to register on Teams with their Form Tutor** at the usual time each day. The exception to this is when Years 7, 8 and 9 have their Physical Activity Day as per below:

Wednesday 9 June - Year 8

Thursday 10 June - Year 9

Friday 11 June - Year 7

For the Physical Activity Day please report to the main field at 8.40am for registration. Buses will continue to run. The Restaurant will be open.

We understand you may require your son to attend school across the 3 days. We are happy to provide a room for your son to revise. If you wish to accept this offer please complete the Microsoft form [here](#) by Monday 7 June.

### **COVID-19 testing over May half-term**

We would like to thank our parents for their continued support in the testing regime. As lockdown eases, we ask that your son continues to take a rapid COVID-19 test twice a week, even if he does not have symptoms; this will help us stay ahead of the spread of the virus, particularly as new strains appear. Around 1 in 3 people with COVID-19 have no symptoms and are spreading the virus without knowing.

Within this request, we ask that your son continues to test twice-weekly **over half-term** and **tests on Sunday 6 June, before returning to school** on Monday 7 June.

Please continue to report your test results both to the Government: [report a COVID-19 lateral flow test result](#) (or call 119 free from a mobile or landline) and to us [here](#).

### **Contact tracing over May half-term**

The School will contact trace any students who develop symptoms either on Saturday 29 or Sunday 30 May; should your son develop symptoms, please contact us immediately on [attendance@rgshw.com](mailto:attendance@rgshw.com) so we can look after our community.

We would also like you to contact us if your son develops symptoms **at any time** over the holiday, and/or has a positive PCR test result; we are obliged to inform the DfE and BCC of any cases, but, more importantly, we wish to support you and your family.

Finally, please do not send your son back to School on Monday 7 June if he is exhibiting any Covid symptoms; the School supports parents in seeking assurance via a negative PCR test before sending their sons back to School. This is, as explained in the Headmaster's letter on Monday, particularly important as we continue in our assessment window, which we are using to direct the teaching and learning of the remaining weeks of term, and the new academic year.

Kind regards

**Alex Wallace**  
Deputy Headmaster