

Friday 7th May 2021

Dear parents and carers,

I hope that you had a pleasant Bank Holiday weekend. This week has seen the start of Year 11 and Year 13 assessments and students have conducted themselves superbly. I have been popping in and out of lessons this week and continue to be so proud of students as they grasp new concepts and challenge themselves, across a range of subjects. We are planning some lovely events for after half term so that students can end this strange year with positivity and celebration. More details to follow! On the second page of this letter is a leaflet from RBKC about fuel poverty assistance, which we have been asked to forward to families. I hope it may be useful to some.

Testing update

All students who have consent for testing should have brought home a new box of Lateral Flow testing kits on Tuesday. If your child hasn't had theirs, please ask them to see their Head of Year. Please continue to ensure your child tests twice a week, and report the results on the www.testregister.co.uk website, which will then take you to the NHS website to report the results there too. It's really important that you submit results on the Testregister system first, as the information submitted on the NHS website is not shared with the school. Testing is still identifying asymptomatic cases in our community, so it is still working.

Y11/13 assessments

These are currently taking place. This is an opportunity for students in these year groups to show us the best of what they can do, and so we can ensure the evidence that we submit to the exam boards in the Summer reflects their hard work and achievement. These are not exams in the true sense, but students will no doubt still feel under pressure. Thank you for supporting your child throughout this period, and if you have any questions about the process please email Dr Greene. Any concerns about welfare should be directed to your child's Head of Year.

Dates for your diaries

Please make sure you are aware of the following dates:

- Thursday 27th May (evening) and Friday 28th May – Virtual LCCD. The Academy will be closed to students on Friday 28th. We will be in contact shortly so you can book your appointment.
- Monday 7th June – INSET day (moved from January). The Academy will be closed to students on this day.

Reflection from our Chaplain, Mr. Richards:

Our theme of the week this week has been integrity. For us as a Church of England Academy, showing integrity means living out our Christian ethos and our Christians values.

We have been reflecting in particular on servant leadership recently and the power of serving one another. Our thoughts and prayers are with India at the moment and there are a number of charities such as Christian Aid who are doing all they can to help with the terrible situation there at the moment. There is more information available from Christian Aid.

I know that many of you have been observing Ramadan over the last six weeks and will soon be sharing in Eid celebrations with your family and friends. A sincere Eid Mubarak to you.

Yours faithfully,



Mariella Ardron
Principal

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