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Dear Parents, Carers and Students

Update - End of Academic Year 2021

I hope that you and your family are well as we reach the end of this school year.

The last sixteen months have, at times, been challenging for all of us, as we have learned to live with the consequences of a global pandemic. Despite the numerous difficulties we have faced since March 2020, we have been impressed by and hugely appreciative of the way so many of our students have responded. The vast majority of our students have continued to engage with their learning both in school and remotely and we have been encouraged by the way that they have embraced the values of the College.

Emotional well-being and welfare

During the holiday period, should your child experience difficulty with any aspect of their emotional well-being or welfare, please check the school website where you will find an extensive range of useful information with accompanying links.

Individual care and self-management continue to remain vital during this difficult and challenging year. This [resource](#) may be beneficial for assisting with this.

The MHFA@claverham.org email will be monitored over the school holidays. Please use this email should you require any further support.

Free School Meals Support

Parents and carers of students in receipt of free school meals will receive vouchers to provide additional support over the summer break. These vouchers will be emailed at intervals during the summer holiday. If your child qualifies for this service, you should receive a link to your vouchers by the end of this week. If you do not receive this, please check the spam folder linked to your email account.

End of Year Assessments and Setting

You will shortly be receiving the final assessment of this academic year, this will show how your son/daughter performed in the end of year examinations. We will send you a confirmation email once this assessment is available to view on Edulink.

These examinations were taken under very difficult circumstances with large numbers of pupils isolating as a result of Covid contacts. Although we were able to reschedule

examinations for many pupils, others were unable to sit them. If this is the case, a mark of 'absent' has been recorded on the assessment.

Year 8 (September 2021)

The academic performance of Year 7 pupils has been tracked and analysed throughout the year and we are very pleased with the progress which has been made by pupils from across the ability range despite the disruption to this academic year. When your son/daughter begins Year 8 in September 2021, the following changes to class organisation will be made:

The following subjects will be organised in sets: English, Mathematics and Physical Education. Decisions on setting will be made using the progress data mentioned above.

The following subjects will continue with mixed ability classes: Art, Drama, Geography, History, ICT, MFL, Music, Science, Technology (Food & Nutrition and Design Technology) and Worldviews. We will use the progress data from this year to reorganise classes.

Some group changes will take place to allow the academic profile of each group to remain broadly similar.

Year 9 (September 2021)

In Key Stage 3, the two halves of each year group are designated as H and W.

In Year 9, the number of classes for each subject will increase from nine to ten. These classes will be divided between the two year halves. The pupils will be reorganised into these new groups and this may result in changes of set as well as changes between the H and W Bands. It is important that the academic profile of H and W remain broadly similar in order to ensure that setting can be carried out effectively.

The following subjects will continue with mixed ability classes: Art, Drama, Geography, History, ICT, MFL, Music, Technology (Food & Nutrition and Design Technology) and Worldviews. We will use the progress data from this year to reorganise classes.

These changes do not affect the language(s) studied by your son/daughter.

Year 10 (September 2021)

At Key Stage 4, the two halves of each year group are known as S and N.

In Year 10, there are significant numbers of pupils who will switch between the two year halves. This happens every year and is, in part, due to the subject choices made by pupils during the options process. Again, we must try and ensure that the academic profile of each year half remains broadly similar.

Year 11 (September 2021)

In Year 11, pupils are unlikely to change from one half of the year to another however, set changes may take place. Any such change will have been based on a careful analysis of performance data and not solely on performance in the examinations which have just been taken.

As always, we will continue to work hard to ensure that we offer your children the best education we can. We will, of course, continue to monitor learning and pupil progress throughout the year.

Curriculum Recovery

The Department for Education has launched a summer education website which you may find useful over the summer break. This can be accessed using the link below:

[DfE Education Catch Up](#)

Additionally, Oak National Academy remains open throughout the Summer providing resources for home learning or sharing with families looking for academic and enrichment activities. Oak's Summer Learning Support offers:

- Priority units and lessons in English, Maths, Science, Geography and History across KS3 and KS4
- new unit quizzes as a formative tool to help identify gaps in knowledge
- creative, active and wellbeing resources from partner organisations, as well as
- detailed guidance for parents and pupils.

Further detail and access to the above resources can be found by following this link to the [Oak National Academy](#) website. The Summer Classroom on their website provides a variety of resources to help pupils continue to engage during this period.

We would encourage our pupils to remain engaged with their school work as we move through the summer break so that they are well prepared for the start of the new school year in September.

Changes to contact tracing in education and childcare settings

As you will be aware, the Prime Minister announced on 12th July that Step 4 of the roadmap would go ahead from 19th July. One of the key changes that will take place from that date is that education and childcare settings will no longer be asked to conduct routine contact tracing. As with positive cases in any other setting, NHS Test and Trace will work with the positive case to identify close contacts. Should the positive case be a child, NHS Test and Trace will work with the parents, carers or guardian of the positive case.

Students do not need to continue to take tests using Lateral Flow Devices over the summer break. Schools will only provide tests for twice weekly asymptomatic testing for pupils and staff over the summer period if they are attending school. However, if you wish to continue regular asymptomatic testing, kits will still be widely available over the summer from your local pharmacy or ordered online.

As pupils are likely to mix with lots of other people during the summer holidays, in line with current government guidance, all students will be offered two on-site lateral flow device tests, 3 to 5 days apart, on their return to school in September.

Please see the points below which set out in more detail how that process will work and what you need to do if your child tests positive for COVID-19.

Self-isolating and taking a test

1. If your child has symptoms, they and other members of the household should self-isolate. You should immediately order a PCR test for them. If the PCR result is negative, they and other members of their household can stop self-isolating (unless instructed to self-isolate for other reasons). If the PCR result is positive, they, other members of their household and any close contacts identified by NHS Track and Trace must self-isolate until 10 days after the onset of symptoms.
2. If your child has a positive result from a lateral flow device (LFD) test, they and other members of the household should self-isolate. You should immediately order a confirmatory PCR test. If the confirmatory test is taken within two days and the result is negative, they and other members of their household can stop self-isolating (unless instructed to self-isolate for other reasons). If the confirmatory PCR test is positive (or is taken more than two days after the LFD), other members of their household and any close contacts identified by NHS Track and Trace must self-isolate until 10 days after the LFD test.
3. PCR tests can be booked online through the NHS Test & Trace website or by calling 119.
4. PCR test results will be recorded with NHS Test and Trace automatically.

Contact Tracing

1. If your child gets a positive PCR test result, NHS Test and Trace will contact you, using the details you registered when ordering the PCR test. You and your child will be asked a series of specific questions designed to identify who your child has been in close contact with. Being in an education or childcare setting with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 will not necessarily mean a person is identified as a close contact.
2. You will be asked to provide the contact details, if you know them, of any of the individuals – or their parents or guardians – who have been identified as close contacts. NHS Test and Trace will then get in touch with these close contacts and provide appropriate instructions or advice (see below).

Self-isolation and/or testing of close contacts

1. At present, anyone identified as a close contact is legally required to self-isolate and must not attend their education or childcare setting (the only exception is if they are participating in a daily contact testing trial). Anyone identified as a non-household close contact by NHS Track and Trace must self-isolate until 10 days after the date of their most recent contact with that person. If they live in the same household, they must self-isolate until 10 days from the date of that person developing symptoms or, if that person was asymptomatic, the date of their test. NHS Test and Trace will notify you of the day on which the self-isolation period ends.
2. Close contacts are also advised to take a PCR test. If the test result is negative, they must still complete the full self-isolation period, as the test will not detect all positive cases. If the result is positive, they will need to self-isolate for a further 10 days. NHS Test and Trace will contact them to identify any close contacts.

3. From 16th August, if the close contact is under 18, they will not have to self-isolate (in line with the policy for fully vaccinated adults) but will be asked to take a PCR test immediately, other than for very young children identified as non-household contacts, and they will not need to self-isolate while awaiting the results of the test. If the PCR test is positive, they will be required to self-isolate for 10 days from the date of the test. NHS Test and Trace will then get in touch to identify close contacts. Further guidance on these changes to self-isolation will be provided by the Government and NHS shortly.

This has been an enormously challenging time for everyone and we would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of our community for their help and support with the procedures the College has implemented.

Building Works

The building works associated with the DfE Priority Schools Building Programme will continue on site over the summer break. This will involve the temporary modular accommodation being delivered to, and assembled on the school site.

The intention is to move into the temporary accommodation at the end of October. Please note that, in order to facilitate this, the school will be closed to students for five additional days over the Autumn break. Currently, these additional days will cover the period from 21st October to 3rd November inclusive. Pupils will return on Thursday 4th November. Work will be provided remotely for students during these extra closure days. This closure is to allow the relocation of equipment and furniture from the current building to the temporary accommodation. *We will confirm these dates following a consultation with the contractors in September.*

Return to School September 2021

The Department for Education expects the College to carry out asymptomatic testing for all students and staff upon the return to school in September. We will conduct a programme of mass testing in the same way as we carried out in March. The information below shows the days when pupils should return after the summer break:

- Wednesday 1st September - Inset Day
- Thursday 2nd September - Year 7 and 11 students in school
- Friday 3rd September - Year 7, 8 and 11 students in school
- Monday 6th September - Year 7, 8, 10 and 11 students in school
- Tuesday 7th September - All students in school

We will write to you again prior to the start of school in September to provide full details of the procedures which will be in place at that point. As I am sure you are aware the situation seems to be still developing and we wish to act on the latest advice in place at that time.

Finally

I would like to thank all members of our school community for their support over the past year whilst we have had to continually adjust to the latest guidance at different points. I am extremely grateful to all of our students who have proven themselves to be adaptable and

resilient, and to our staff whose diligence and commitment has enabled our students to continue making excellent progress despite the barriers that have existed.

Of equal importance to academic success is that students are healthy and happy. The relaxing of Covid restrictions will, I hope, allow you all to enjoy some of the social activities with friends and family which have been sorely missed over the last few months. I would encourage all of our students to use the holiday period to refresh and recharge prior to restarting at school after the holiday.

I wish you all a safe and happy summer and look forward to welcoming students back to school in September.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Swatton

Principal