



## RETURN TO COLLEGE: TESTING COMPLETE!

Following a phenomenal effort of volunteers, staff, students and parents, the Lateral Flow Testing programme in College was completed on Thursday 18 March. All students who need them have been issued with a home testing kit to last them through the Easter holidays and instructions for use have been sent home with these.

This has been an amazing community effort and resulted in nearly 4000 tests being carried out over 9 days, all without fuss or problem, allowing the College to run smoothly and students to know they have an additional safety measure in place.



Students and volunteers featured in a Lead BBC South East story about the return to school showcasing the professional approaches being taken: [CLICK HERE TO VIEW](#)

## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE ON RECENT NATIONAL EVENTS

We have been, like many, moved by the events this week and over the weekend focused on the sad death of Sarah Everard. It is important that rather than respond in emotion, we reflect on what impact for good these events and feelings can have on our College. In the light of BLM last summer we started a conversation with all curriculum leaders about what we teach and how; whether there are more or different things we can do to enhance diversity. That is a long term piece of work that requires frequent thought and revisiting. This will be similar. A wider conversation about diversity, respect and equality is required. A swift, tokenistic action would not represent the opportunity available.

Girls need the support to reflect on the issues and know they are entitled to a space without concerns about their safety, able to be the young women we know they can be. We are equally keen that our boys are able to respond without being held accountable for the words or actions of others; supported to be the proactive and positive young men we know they can be.

We do know that students report that they know where to get help and how to report any concerns of any type. This is important for all; we know we do not exist in a vacuum outside wider society. This knowledge results in the safe environment that the vast majority describe as warm and inclusive. We will continue to highlight this.

Equally, we are not naive or complacent. We are keen that by all of us working constructively together on the things we want to improve - whatever they are - our College continues to be an inclusive, respectful and supportive environment that enables everyone to be the very best version of themselves. We will be discussing options at all levels of the College and seeking student views as part of that approach. We have asked them to remain the thoughtful, reflective and sensible young people they have shown themselves to be throughout the last year and to be kind to each other whenever possible. It is always possible!



## HEADLINES OR HIGHLIGHTS?

As part of our ongoing development and efforts to “Learn From Lockdown”, we are posing questions about how and when we communicate with parents. We want you to:

- *have regular updates on events and news from the College*
- *see student successes, celebrate achievements and recognise our ethos*
- *understand our current and ongoing development*

Previously Headlines was a longer document, issued approximately two to three times a half term. We are keen to see if a shorter document - like Highlights - would be well received, or if the depth of Headlines would be missed. OR even if a completely different approach would be welcome...[PLEASE CLICK HERE for a short survey to give your views.](#)

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

As part of our extensive tutor time and assembly programme highlighting issues of cultural importance and promoting informed debate, we invited spiritual leaders to give us their brief thoughts on key topics. [Click here to view.](#)

## PRE-LOVED UNIFORM

Please check the website for details of Pre-loved Uniform if you need it now College has opened fully.



[www.heathfieldcc.co.uk/parents/uniform](http://www.heathfieldcc.co.uk/parents/uniform)

## EMPLOYER MENTORING

Undeterred by a national lockdown, we have launched a third year of the Employer Mentoring Scheme to support students keen to enter employment or training at 16 to secure their best options, learning from those already in the industry. We are delighted that despite restrictions we have been able to make the programme virtual and also expand. We are joined by five local businesses keen to support six of our students: Newton and Frost, The County Group, Acropora Massage and Beauty, Cuculo of Heathfield and Sheepsetting Lane Pre-School. As always, we are supported by Wealden Works who help students understand the wider picture and employability skills that give them an edge. Students had their first input this week and are looking forward to their virtual mentoring sessions in the next fortnight.

## 74 DAYS TO DO MY VIRTUAL KRUGER WALK



Congratulations to Jake Vosloo who has completed a virtual walk.

Jake is a very keen sportsman and it was important to him to keep up with his exercise at a time when his various sports clubs were not available to him.

To keep himself motivated he set himself the target of walking an ambitious 505km - the same distance as the length of Kruger National Park, his favourite place in his Dad's native country, South Africa.

He has walked every day since 28 December and recently completed his impressive target!

Date	Distance	Location
28 Dec	7.5	14.6 km 1st camp
29 Dec	4.6	19.2 km 2nd camp
30 Dec	4.0	23.2 km 3rd camp
31 Dec	7.0	30.2 km 4th camp
1 Jan	7.0	37.2 km 5th camp
2 Jan	7.0	44.2 km 6th camp
3 Jan	7.0	51.2 km 7th camp
4 Jan	7.0	58.2 km 8th camp
5 Jan	7.0	65.2 km 9th camp
6 Jan	7.0	72.2 km 10th camp
7 Jan	7.0	79.2 km 11th camp
8 Jan	7.0	86.2 km 12th camp
9 Jan	7.0	93.2 km 13th camp
10 Jan	7.0	100.2 km 14th camp
11 Jan	7.0	107.2 km 15th camp
12 Jan	7.0	114.2 km 16th camp
13 Jan	7.0	121.2 km 17th camp
14 Jan	7.0	128.2 km 18th camp
15 Jan	7.0	135.2 km 19th camp
16 Jan	7.0	142.2 km 20th camp
17 Jan	7.0	149.2 km 21st camp
18 Jan	7.0	156.2 km 22nd camp
19 Jan	7.0	163.2 km 23rd camp
20 Jan	7.0	170.2 km 24th camp
21 Jan	7.0	177.2 km 25th camp
22 Jan	7.0	184.2 km 26th camp
23 Jan	7.0	191.2 km 27th camp
24 Jan	7.0	198.2 km 28th camp
25 Jan	7.0	205.2 km 29th camp
26 Jan	7.0	212.2 km 30th camp
27 Jan	7.0	219.2 km 31st camp
28 Jan	7.0	226.2 km 32nd camp
29 Jan	7.0	233.2 km 33rd camp
30 Jan	7.0	240.2 km 34th camp
31 Jan	7.0	247.2 km 35th camp
1 Feb	7.0	254.2 km 36th camp
2 Feb	7.0	261.2 km 37th camp
3 Feb	7.0	268.2 km 38th camp
4 Feb	7.0	275.2 km 39th camp
5 Feb	7.0	282.2 km 40th camp
6 Feb	7.0	289.2 km 41st camp
7 Feb	7.0	296.2 km 42nd camp
8 Feb	7.0	303.2 km 43rd camp
9 Feb	7.0	310.2 km 44th camp
10 Feb	7.0	317.2 km 45th camp
11 Feb	7.0	324.2 km 46th camp
12 Feb	7.0	331.2 km 47th camp
13 Feb	7.0	338.2 km 48th camp
14 Feb	7.0	345.2 km 49th camp
15 Feb	7.0	352.2 km 50th camp
16 Feb	7.0	359.2 km 51st camp
17 Feb	7.0	366.2 km 52nd camp
18 Feb	7.0	373.2 km 53rd camp
19 Feb	7.0	380.2 km 54th camp
20 Feb	7.0	387.2 km 55th camp
21 Feb	7.0	394.2 km 56th camp
22 Feb	7.0	401.2 km 57th camp
23 Feb	7.0	408.2 km 58th camp
24 Feb	7.0	415.2 km 59th camp
25 Feb	7.0	422.2 km 60th camp
26 Feb	7.0	429.2 km 61st camp
27 Feb	7.0	436.2 km 62nd camp
28 Feb	7.0	443.2 km 63rd camp
29 Feb	7.0	450.2 km 64th camp
30 Feb	7.0	457.2 km 65th camp
1 Mar	7.0	464.2 km 66th camp
2 Mar	7.0	471.2 km 67th camp
3 Mar	7.0	478.2 km 68th camp
4 Mar	7.0	485.2 km 69th camp
5 Mar	7.0	492.2 km 70th camp
6 Mar	7.0	499.2 km 71st camp
7 Mar	7.0	506.2 km 72nd camp
8 Mar	7.0	513.2 km 73rd camp
9 Mar	7.0	520.2 km 74th camp
10 Mar	7.0	527.2 km 75th camp
11 Mar	7.0	534.2 km 76th camp
12 Mar	7.0	541.2 km 77th camp
13 Mar	7.0	548.2 km 78th camp
14 Mar	7.0	555.2 km 79th camp
15 Mar	7.0	562.2 km 80th camp
16 Mar	7.0	569.2 km 81st camp
17 Mar	7.0	576.2 km 82nd camp
18 Mar	7.0	583.2 km 83rd camp
19 Mar	7.0	590.2 km 84th camp
20 Mar	7.0	597.2 km 85th camp
21 Mar	7.0	604.2 km 86th camp
22 Mar	7.0	611.2 km 87th camp
23 Mar	7.0	618.2 km 88th camp
24 Mar	7.0	625.2 km 89th camp
25 Mar	7.0	632.2 km 90th camp
26 Mar	7.0	639.2 km 91st camp
27 Mar	7.0	646.2 km 92nd camp
28 Mar	7.0	653.2 km 93rd camp
29 Mar	7.0	660.2 km 94th camp
30 Mar	7.0	667.2 km 95th camp
31 Mar	7.0	674.2 km 96th camp
1 Apr	7.0	681.2 km 97th camp
2 Apr	7.0	688.2 km 98th camp
3 Apr	7.0	695.2 km 99th camp
4 Apr	7.0	702.2 km 100th camp

## SUPER SUPERCURRICULAR!

On 8 February 2021 we ran the second Super Curricular fortnight of 2020-2021.

The Super Curriculum is designed to provide enriching opportunities for students to engage in learning outside the classroom. Super Curriculum is also an opportunity for GCSE students to engage in subjects outside their options choices or examination subjects.



Students could virtually visit The Houses of Parliament, the Science Museum or the National Computing Museum. There were creative opportunities including creating musical instruments from household objects and creating pancake art!

We have asked students to give feedback following this second week so we can keep looking to improve. Here are some of the reasons they enjoyed the activities.

- *“I enjoyed everything about the activity, and I really love my result.”*

- *“It was fun and relaxing.”*
- *“It was challenging but I enjoyed doing it.”*
- *“They expanded my knowledge and gave me a chance to find out about things I am not studying.”*
- *“I enjoyed that there was lots to do and they were very interactive.”*

We have had a record 707 entries, more than double from the October 2020! There is one more in this academic year (24 May 2021).

Super Curricular is open to all; it is not judged or marked. It exists purely to extend learning and enjoyment beyond the examined curriculum.

All students who take part in the Super Curricular fortnights will receive a P3 which adds points to their House Total. There will also be further prizes awarded for outstanding contributions, more details to follow.

