



1 April 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to you with information regarding the end of Term 4 and looking ahead to Term 5. Please select the areas of relevance to you and make a note of key actions and dates.

### **Lateral Flow Testing at Home over Easter**

Please make sure your child continues testing twice a week, at home, throughout the Easter school holidays. All relevant details and information can be found

<https://www.heathfieldcc.co.uk/wp/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Information-re-Testing.pdf>.

### **Adjustments to Control Measures in Term 5**

We believe there will be an announcement during the Easter holidays, possibly as part of a briefing by the Prime Minister on Easter Monday, about whether or not the recommendation for masks in classrooms will be lifted, along with further guidance on home testing. We expect all other measures: social spaces, one-way systems, sanitising, cleaning and ventilation to remain in place regardless.

### **Uniform Checks and Updates over Easter**

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child is correctly dressed in their full uniform every day they come to school. As a reminder:

- Skirts should be no more than 5cm above the knee and be the correct style as per our [Uniform Policy](#). Please be aware these skirts are sold in different lengths and as your child grows checking their length is important to ensure the length complies with the policy.
- If students have their ears pierced they should only have one earring in each ear, no other piercings are acceptable nor are clear retainers.
- Please ensure your child has black polishable shoes, not trainers.
- As hairdressers open over Easter please ensure that hair styles comply with our [Uniform Policy](#).
- Students are expected to continue to wear their blazer in and around the College. Students can remove their blazer in lessons.
- Whilst it is recommended students wear a coat to College, there will be no need to wear coats in lessons after Easter as the weather changes. Hoodies are not to be worn under or over a blazer nor can they be worn as an alternative to a coat.



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## Your Child's Social Media

Please can we remind all parents to be aware and interested in their children's social media accounts if they have them. The guidance is that, as parents, we own the contract and the phone, as such phones are able to be checked and monitored. How you do that is of course a parental decision. However, we have encountered a small number of incidents which suggest that some students require a reminder from all the adults in their life, not just College, that they are responsible for the safe and compassionate use of any platform they use <https://www.heathfieldcc.co.uk/Policies/Code-of-Use-for-Mobile-Devices>

The following may be of interest:

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RAFSrGX0mxk>  
or
- <https://www.parents.com/parenting/better-parenting/advice/why-its-never-too-early-to-teach-your-child-good-social-media/>

## Exam Year Groups

Students will be preparing for assessments over Easter, in the same way they would normally be revising for exams. It is useful to be able to support our children revising. There are tips and resources on the subject pages of Firefly and strategies for revising here: [https://www.heathfieldcc.co.uk/?page\\_id=997924](https://www.heathfieldcc.co.uk/?page_id=997924).

It is important to stay focused on the things that make the difference, staying calm and balanced in our approaches. An article for students from Professor Kevin Woods and psychologists at Manchester University may be of interest: <https://ofqual.blog.gov.uk/2021/03/30/feeling-worried-about-grades-this-year-is-understandable-here-are-some-things-that-might-help/>

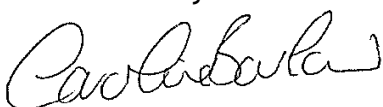
## Dates for Term 5

Dates, including INSET days, can be found in the attached edition of [Highlights](#).

Thank you as always for your support of the College, our staff and the community of students who we collectively care for, nurture and educate. We will all benefit from some rest and hopefully some time outside, courtesy of warmer weather over the next few weeks. However, once we return we will be focusing our planning on the Summer term whilst also casting our view to the year ahead and the next developments in the continued growth and improvement of our College. We are looking forward to sharing that thinking with you.

Wishing you all a very enjoyable Easter break.

Yours sincerely



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