



1 April 2021

Dear Students and Parents/Carers

With the Easter holiday fast approaching I would like to take this opportunity to forward you the most recent updates and remind students of Academy expectations.

COVID-19:

We have been advised by Public Health England to inform you that since Monday 29 March we have had four confirmed COVID-19 positive cases. Three of which were picked up through asymptomatic COVID-19 positive lateral flow tests and one as a symptomatic PCR positive case. Students are advised to continue with Lateral Flow testing throughout the Easter holidays.

Uniform:

When we return on Monday 19 April students can begin to wear our optional summer uniform. During the summer term students have the option to wear a pale blue polo shirt with the Academy logo instead of a white shirt and school tie. Polo shirts MUST be worn tucked in to trousers/skirts, in line with usual uniform expectations. All other elements of school uniform remain the same and blazers must be worn as usual. On the first week back we will be carrying out a uniform check and any students not wearing the correct uniforms will be given negative comments as per our behaviour policy. Trainers are not an optional part of our Academy uniform. Please use the two week Easter holiday to ensure your child has the correct uniform for their return.

Centre Assessed Grades

We have been working hard at creating a detailed plan for the summer Centre Assessed Grades process for our Year 11 and 13 students. We will be sending out more information on this.

New Principal:

As you will have seen from a letter that went home on 25 March we have a new Principal starting in September 2021. We are very excited to welcome Mr Prinsep to our Abbey Grange community.

Easter service:

Today we all watched our virtual Easter service and I would like to thank Mrs Brown for all her work on our Lent collective worship materials and our lead up to the Easter weekend. At times of worry and uncertainty like this, we need to reflect on our faith and the support it can give us. I particularly like this verse from Proverbs 12:25: **'Anxious hearts are very heavy, but a word of encouragement does wonders!'**. Our theme next term is Humility. This will be a time to focus on being humble, kind and supporting those around us, which is something I am very proud to say is a great strength of our students and staff.

Easter this year will again be different for all of us, but I hope that you will use the holidays as families to support each other. Whatever your situation, I hope that you stay safe and positive, whilst sticking to the rules of social distancing and government guidelines of Hands, face, space, fresh air.

Yours faithfully

J Thornton
Acting Principal

