

HBK Update, Thursday 27 May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Free School Meal vouchers over half term – message from Ms Nightingale, Vice-Principal

If you claim free school meals for your child(ren) you will be sent an e-voucher for half term on **28 May (this Friday)**. This will be sent to both the email address and mobile number we have on file. These vouchers can be used at McColl's, Aldi, Sainsbury's, Iceland, Tesco, Waitrose, ASDA or Morrisons. If you have any issues please contact us **before 9 a.m. on Monday 31 June** at COVID-19@hinchbk.cambs.sch.uk.

Teacher Assessed Grades: The Grading Process - message from Ms Nightingale, Vice-Principal

A video link was sent out earlier this week to explain how the grading process will work this summer for Year 10 RPE, all Year 11 courses, some Year 12 courses and all Year 13 courses. Please find this link below again in case you missed it. There is also information about the results days and how to find out more information as we make some key decisions.

<https://youtu.be/ZWbMwPx9GjI>

Well done to those students who have taken Teacher assessed Grade assessments this half term!

I would like to congratulate, and thank, students for the work they have put into their Teacher Assessed Grade assessments this half term. We are well aware of both the advantages and the challenges of doing multiple assessments, and our students have risen exceptionally well to those challenges! Students in Year 13 and Year 11 have done the most assessments but Year 10 students have also done RPE assessments and a high proportion of our Year 12 students have done assessments, too. Well done to them all, and fingers crossed that the grades awarded reflect the hard work that they have put in.

We now very much look forward to marking the end of Year 11 and Year 13 with our students next half term, through the events we are planning.

COVID-19 Testing and responding to COVID symptoms over the half term break – message from Mr Cooke, Vice-Principal

The government has confirmed that the **Lateral Flow Testing Programme** should continue over the half term break and we envisage that this will continue for the whole of next half term too. Thank you for your efforts to support this important testing programme. Please follow these instructions if your child is participating in the testing programme or develops COVID symptoms:

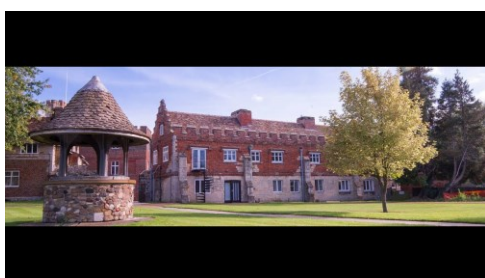
- Students should test twice a week at home, then report the results online to the school (using the **student's school email address** on [TestRegister.co.uk](https://www.testregister.co.uk)) and to the NHS
- If your child has a **positive LFD test result** or **develops COVID symptoms within 2 days of being in school** (i.e. Friday 28 May or Saturday 29 May), the family should start isolating and a confirmatory **PCR test** should be booked as soon as possible
- The result of the **PCR test** should be reported to the school using communications@hinchbk.cambs.sch.uk marking your email 'Positive COVID-19 case' and the name and Form Class of your child, alongside a telephone number on which the school can contact you to get further details about possible close contacts in school
- If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19 **after 2 days** from last being in school (ie from Sunday 30 May onwards) you should book a **PCR test** for your child, but in the event of a positive result there is **no**

need to contact school. Instead, you should notify close contact family and friends and follow advice as per NHS COVID-19 guidelines at: <http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

COVID Safety Measures in school next half term - message from Mrs Tandy, Vice-Principal

Please remember that some of our COVID safety measures will be changing after half term. The video below talks through the changes, which include **only** wearing masks when travelling round the site, no longer having the one-way system and no longer needing to wipe down desks at the start of lessons. Whilst there will be some changes, other measures will remain in place next half term, such as having year group zones for break and lunch, separate gates for the start and end of the day, and separate toilet facilities for break and lunch. We will also continue encouraging students to sanitise their hands regularly as this is generally good practice for staying healthy and avoiding different bugs. We will continue to review our safety measures and inform you of any further changes as and when the situation allows. In the meantime, I would appreciate you discussing these safety measures with your child so that they understand what is expected after half term.

<https://youtu.be/RZcBsQ4YPTk>



[Safety Measures May Update](https://youtu.be/RZcBsQ4YPTk)

An update for students, parents, and carers on upcoming changes to Hinchingsbrooke's safety measures
[youtu.be](https://youtu.be/RZcBsQ4YPTk)

Opportunity for parents to find out about GCSEPod – message from Ms Newman, Associate Principal and Head of Religion, Philosophy and Ethics

Year 9 and Year 10 parents will be aware that we have launched GCSEPod in the last term in order to aid students in the reviewing of their learning. If you are wondering how you can best assist your child with this, GCSEPod is offering live webinar sessions to support parents in engaging their child with home learning using the platform. The dates for these sessions are: 2nd June @ 5pm; 17th June @ 5pm; 15th July @ 5pm.

The sessions will include: How to access Pods; Using the Learning Activities to enhance and embed knowledge; Podbooks and how to quiz your child; What to expect if your child is given homework on GCSEPod; Check & Challenge and self-assessment; and Hints and tips on home learning.

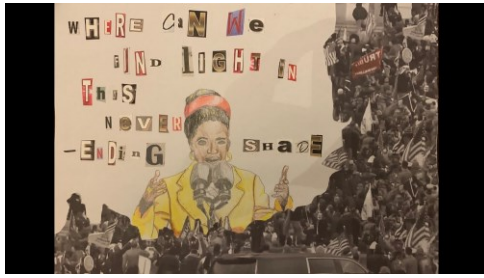
Spaces are limited so please do sign up as soon as possible, if interested, via this link:

<https://www.gcsepod.com/podup-presents-webinars/>

Some examples of students' work in English – message from Ms Waters, Teacher of English and Literacy Coordinator

This one is a video compilation of work produced by year 9 and 10 students in English in response to the Amanda Gorman poem 'The Hill We Climb' and some poems written by Year 8 students in Ms Ogbechie's class, in response to lockdown.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mtvX3BjpL3Q>



[Message of Hope](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mtvX3BjpL3Q)

www.youtube.com

This week's blog is about teacher questioning and the use of hands-up. If you would like to read it, you can find it here:

<https://learningisthething.com/?p=174>

Friday 28 May – tomorrow - is a Teacher Training Day so this means there is no school for your child. **School restarts after half term on Monday 7 June**, at the usual time, and we look forward to welcoming all of our students back then.

I very much hope that all of our students and their families have a restful and happy half term break.

We are Hinchibrooke.

Kind regards

Mark Patterson
Principal