

## HBK Update, Friday 12 March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

### **Great to be back together!**

It was great to have all of our year groups back at school yesterday for the first time since December! It feels like we are a school again! Fingers crossed for no further significant interruptions in the weeks and months ahead.

### **Lateral flow testing at school**

Our testing at school has gone very well to date and I would like to pay tribute to our parent volunteers and staff who have worked together incredibly well to ensure things run smoothly. I would like to congratulate our students, too, for the responsible and calm way in which they have conducted themselves throughout the testing process; they have been fantastic!

### **Remote learning for students who are self-isolating**

Mr Cooke, Vice-Principal, has put together information about what self-isolating students can/should do between now and Easter; here is the link to the document: [Provision for Isolating Students – March 2021](#)

### **Literacy and something we can all do to help** - message from Ms Nightingale, Vice-Principal

Some students have taken a step back with their literacy skills during the pandemic, and some a leap backwards. Something we can all easily do at home is switch on the subtitles. This is shown to double the chance of a child becoming a good reader, and they probably won't even notice you have done it! So for a quick and simple action which could make all the difference go to [www.turnonthesubtitles.org](http://www.turnonthesubtitles.org) and watch the following short video from Stephen Fry <https://youtu.be/ORtPH8aLx9c>

### **Using mini whiteboards in lessons**

Given the current restrictions on teachers moving around classrooms, mini whiteboards are a valuable resource at this time. Please could parents ensure that their child brings their mini whiteboard and pen to school each day.

### **Teacher Assessed Grades for Y10 (RPE), Y11, Y12 (some vocational courses) and Y13** – message from Ms Nightingale, Vice-Principal

As you will be aware, there are different arrangements for this summer now the formal examinations have been cancelled. Please find below a link to a video explaining what we currently know and the plans we have started to put in place. We have not, as yet, had all the information we need, so things will evolve, but we felt it was important to share with you and the students our plans as they stand. This video was shared with Y11 this morning in their forms, and sent out to Y13 students via their email [Teacher Assessed Grades at Hinchingsbrooke - March 2021](#)

As we get more information and our plans develop, we will of course share the information with you. The assessment schedule will be shared with you **before** Easter to enable your child(ren) to fully prepare themselves fully over Easter and thereafter.

As always, we will be working hard to ensure that the process is fair and all students get the grade they deserve this summer.

Kind regards

Mark Patterson  
Principal