

## HBK Update, Wednesday 13 January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

### Year 11 and Year 13 Examinations/grades

We are expecting to receive the Government's consultation document about this summer's exams and grades very soon, reportedly on Friday of this week. We believe that schools will have two weeks to respond, after which the Government will formally publish its plans. We will keep you updated.

### COVID-19 voluntary testing in the school

We are gearing up to offer lateral flow device tests to those students and staff who are working in the school this half term. At the moment, the staff who will be helping with the tests are undergoing the training. We hope to begin the testing on Thursday or Friday this week. Thank you to those students who are coming into school who have returned their Registration Form and Consent Form; we will only offer tests to those who have given consent, as the process is voluntary.

### Digital Devices – message from Ms Nightingale

Since October the school has given out over 90 laptops to students who were sharing with multiple family members. We have continued to do so during this lockdown, but are now running very low on laptops. We have ordered more today, and have been promised another delivery from the government (although we do not know how many they will provide, or when these might arrive). If your child does not have a device they can readily use to access their online lessons, please let us know (Mrs Moore – [jm@hinchbk.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:jm@hinchbk.cambs.sch.uk)). We can't promise a laptop immediately, but we will put you on our waiting list for when devices do arrive in school, and then communicate with you when the device can be collected.

Keep safe.

Kind regards,

Mark Patterson

Principal