

## HBK Update, Friday 26 February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

What a busy week it has been, full of news! It's really good that things are coming together towards full reopening! Today's ParentMail focuses on reopening and also provides some news about Summer grades for Year 10s (RPE), Year 11s and Year 12-13s.

### **March Reopening Guidelines - message from Mrs Tandy**

Following the government announcement about the reopening of schools from Monday 8 March, please find attached the updated Guidelines Booklet. You will see that many of our safety measures have remained the same as they were in the Autumn term. The first key change is that students will now be expected to wear a face mask (unless they are exempt) at all times, including when in most lessons. Students will be able to remove their mask for eating and drinking at break and lunchtime, but they can only do this when they are in their year group social zone and at least two metres away from other people. The second significant change is the introduction of Lateral Flow tests, which you can read about on pages 7 and 8 of the booklet, and also see Ms Nightingale's section below about these tests.

In addition to the guidance booklet, we have produced a five-minute video aimed at students, which you can view here: <https://youtu.be/-JOUdPtBAhY>

I would encourage you to watch this video with your child so that you can talk through the return to school process and discuss any questions they might have. If after watching this video and reading through the guidance booklet you have further questions or concerns about the reopening of schools, please contact your child's form tutor in the first instance.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming the students back soon!

### **Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 Exams this Summer – message from Ms Nightingale**

Ofqual have now published the results of the consultation about the alternatives to this summer exams. There is a lot to digest, but essentially students will have a grade awarded by their teacher. This will be based on:

- Only what students have been taught
- Evidence about performance throughout the course (Y9-11 and Y12-13)
- Coursework (NEAs) will contribute to the overall grade, whether or not it has been completed
- In Art and Design grades will be based only on portfolio work, whether or not it is completed

Evidence might include mocks, tests and assessments, homeworks etc. Questions will be available from exam boards but won't be compulsory for schools to use and we will need to submit a separate grade for spoken or practical skills in GCSE English Language, GCSE Modern Foreign Languages and A Level Sciences, based on the work completed.

We will now need to decide if and when mocks or some form of assessment will take place to add to the body of evidence we will use to produce a grade in each subject at both GCSE and A Level. As soon as these decisions are made we will communicate them to you and the students. In the meantime, it is essential that students continue to work hard and review their work on a regular basis.

## **Registration and Consent Form for Lateral Flow Tests - message from Ms Nightingale**

In order to have a lateral flow test in school, students need to have a registration and consent form completed by a parent/carer (if 16 years of age or older, they must give this consent themselves). Please either use the QR code or the link to complete these forms. Even if you do not wish to give consent or have already given it because your child attends the HBK Vulnerable and Key Worker School, please still complete the form where this information can be captured.

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=vDuWFAXs0yVOcrxk6wMlhay\\_x-4GdhBlpwTj-tuhJUREc3S0dWM1I0WEozV1MwTlhXVzBRNDdLVS4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=vDuWFAXs0yVOcrxk6wMlhay_x-4GdhBlpwTj-tuhJUREc3S0dWM1I0WEozV1MwTlhXVzBRNDdLVS4u)



**Thank you**

As ever, thank you for helping us to support your child in these challenging times. When the weekend comes, wishing you a restful and enjoyable one!

We are Hinchingsbrooke.

Kind regards

Mark Patterson  
Principal