

MBO/CS/SLT/End of Spring Term
25th March 2021

Dear Parent and Carer

Re: End of Spring Term Information Letter

It has been a pleasure to welcome our students back in to the academy this half term, following another extended period of lockdown and remote learning. The return to school has been incredibly positive and our students have adapted very quickly to our routines and expectations.

As you may be aware, we received a routine monitoring inspection from Ofsted on 25th February. During the day, two of Her Majesty's Inspectors (HMI) conducted a thorough inspection of our remote learning provision and identified many strengths and I am pleased to report that Ofsted have concluded that we are taking effective action to provide education in the current circumstances. The full report will be available on our website shortly. I would like to take the opportunity to thank all of you that responded positively to the Ofsted survey during the inspection.

The Academy will close for all students on **Friday 26th March** at the usual time and will reopen on **Monday 12th April**. Please note that all staggered start and finish times will remain in place throughout the Summer Term.

Coronavirus Testing Arrangements

Your child should continue to carry out two coronavirus tests each week throughout the Easter Holidays, using the Covid-19 Self-Test kits provided. If you require further kits, you can collect these from the Academy Reception during Thursday 25th or Friday 26th March between 8.30am and 3.30pm. Please note that if your child has been asked to self-isolate, you will need to come and collect the kits on their behalf. Test kits can also be ordered and delivered free by using the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

Please continue to report all home test results in the usual way, using the appropriate email address. These are listed here for you:

Year 7: Year7CovidResults@winifredholtbyacademy.com
Year 8: Year8CovidResults@winifredholtbyacademy.com
Year 9: Year9CovidResults@winifredholtbyacademy.com
Year 10: Year10CovidResults@winifredholtbyacademy.com
Year 11: Year11CovidResults@winifredholtbyacademy.com

When reporting your child's test result, please ensure that you write **positive**, **negative** or **void** in the subject line of your email. You should then provide your child's full name, their tutor group and date of birth in the main body of your email. Providing us with the information in this format helps us to process your email quickly and efficiently. Thank you for your cooperation.

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If your child becomes unwell or displays symptoms of coronavirus during the Easter holidays, you should book a coronavirus test for them and report the result to us using the relevant email address above. Please note that members of our SLT will be on-call throughout the holidays, for a limited time each day, monitoring any emails that we receive. If you need to inform us of a positive test result, please ensure that you provide us with the following information in your email:

- Your child's full name and Year Group
- The date their symptoms started
- The date they took the coronavirus test (not the date they received the result)
- Names of any students that they may have walked / travelled with to and from school
- Names of any students that they spent time with at break and lunch times
- A contact telephone number in case we need to contact you for further details

Expectations on our Return

Almost all of our students have returned to the Academy looking smart, wearing our full Academy uniform. In the minority of cases where this has not been the case, we have discussed any uniform infringements with the student and, if necessary, parents and carers. After Easter, the expectation will be that all students must be wearing the full Academy uniform, in accordance with our published uniform policy that can be found on our website. I would like to take this opportunity to clearly reinforce the following elements of our uniform policy:

- Students must wear plain black school shoes. Trainers, sand shoes, sandals and canvas shoes are not permitted.
- Skirts must be knee-length. Short skirts and those made from stretchy, elastic fabric are not permitted.
- Trousers must be of a traditional school trouser style. Leggings and jeans are not permitted.
- The Academy blazer must be worn to and from school and whilst in the Academy. As the Summer approaches and temperatures rise in the building, we will communicate to students when the blazer rule may be relaxed.

Students will be expected to wear their full Academy uniform each day, including the days that they would normally have PE. This is because we have made adjustments to the PE changing facilities in order to reduce close contacts whilst changing for PE lessons.

Please ensure that your child has all of the necessary uniform items before they return on Monday 12th April. We will impose sanctions for those who persistently refuse to wear our uniform as detailed in our uniform policy. Thank you for your cooperation on this matter.

In addition to the points above relating to uniform, I must also remind you that facial piercings are not permitted to be worn on the Academy site. Our policy on piercings is very clear and states that students may wear one pair of studs, one in each ear, only. When we return after Easter, students with additional piercings, e.g. nose piercings, will be required to remove them immediately and place them in a new, sealed plastic bag that will only be returned to them at the end of the day. Students who choose not to comply will receive sanctions in line with our behaviour policy.

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Current Government guidance still requires all students to wear a face covering in school and this includes all communal areas and classrooms. Therefore, all students must bring a clean / new face covering to the Academy each day and a clear, sealable plastic bag to store it in. We have advised students to bring more than one face covering each day so that they can change it if it becomes soiled or damp. If the guidance on wearing face coverings changes, we will contact you to advise you of these changes.

When we return, all students will be reminded that they are not permitted to use their mobile phone in the Academy unless it is being used as part of a teacher directed activity. In accordance with our behaviour policy, students who use their mobile phones without permission from a member of staff will have them confiscated until the end of the day.

I hope that you have a pleasant Easter break and also hope that we can all begin to enjoy the relaxation of some of the restrictions placed on us all. Whilst it has been an incredibly challenging year for us all, I have been so proud of the way our students have adapted to our Covid safety measures and engaged in their learning, whether this be face-to-face with their teachers or online in live lessons.

The ongoing support and encouragement from parents and carers has been greatly received and I would like to thank you for remaining so supportive of the work we are doing.

Best wishes



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