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Dear Parents / Carers,

As we come to the end of this term, I wanted to let you know how outstanding your children have been in re-settling back into lessons, working hard and being a credit to Greenford High School. It has been wonderful to welcome them back and much of school life has returned to normal.

# **Covid-19 Procedures**

While Covid-19 procedures continue to apply, face coverings need to be worn in classrooms and communal areas. Please continue to send your child into school with a clean face covering – your support in this area is very much appreciated.

If you or your child develops symptoms of Covid-19, the usual procedures apply. You must let us know and you must get your child a PCR test at a test centre or book one <u>online</u>. If the test comes back positive, then you and your family must self-isolate for 10 days. Lateral flow home tests sent home from school can also be used twice weekly to check for asymptomatic cases; if you get a positive lateral flow test result, you should also let us know straight away, book a confirmatory PCR test at a local test centre or <u>online</u>, and self-isolate for 10 days if the PCR test comes back as positive.

#### **Teacher Assessed Grades**

We understand that some students will be anxious about the grades that they may receive this Summer. Please note that we will be using a range of evidence to inform the grades that students are given. This will include mock exams, but there will also be opportunities for further assessments after Easter. The most important point for students to note, is to continue to work hard and to continue to revise for assessments. We will be publishing our statement of intent and the appeals policy for the Teacher Assessed Grades in early May 2021.

Please contact Ms Johal, Deputy Headteacher, if you have any questions.

## **New Police Officer**

As part of our commitment to keeping all of our students safe, I have recently met with a new police officer who will be overseeing all of the safer schools' provision in the area. In line with other schools, we will be resuming our periodic screening of students during the Summer term, to check for any prohibited items in school. This will involve police being on site at some point in

the school day and they will conduct these searches along with our senior team. This is part of our safeguarding provision and is nothing to be concerned about.

### Counselling

We know that this year has been tough for many students, so please do remember that we offer counselling in school. If your child would like to be referred to counselling, please contact Ms Grimley, Associate Deputy Headteacher. Please also see <a href="this link on our website">this link on our website</a> for more information around safeguarding and mental health support. Don't forget that students can check the VLE and Virtual Tutor for lots of top well-being tips too.

## **Ealing Holiday Activities and Food Programme**

If your child receives benefits-related free school meals linked to family income, you are entitled to receive a Holiday Activities Token with a value of £10, which can be used at a number of designated retailers to help buy materials, so that your child can have fun joining in Easter Holiday activities. For more information, please see the other letters included in the email alongside this letter.

## **Uniform**

To ensure that students are "**ready**" for school after the ½ term break, please check your child's uniform, school shoes and equipment for lessons. Pastoral teams and staff will be sanctioning those students without the correct equipment for lessons and those without the correct uniform. Students must wear appropriate clothing when they have PE lessons – this must be plain black. Hoodies will be confiscated. If there are special circumstances regarding a student's uniform or equipment for lessons, please inform the relevant YT.

I wish you all a lovely break over the Easter period. Let's hope that the weather remains good so that we can make the most of some of the lifting of restrictions, whilst remaining safe.

With my very best wishes,

Mrs M Pye Headteacher