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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you are all well. It has been lovely to welcome your children back to school this term; students are all working very hard and have settled in very well. I am writing with a few updates and ask that you read the following information carefully.

### **Covid Cases in School**

Covid cases have been steadily increasing in school over the last two weeks, and we are monitoring the situation carefully. Please note that in line with Public Health and Government guidelines, we may have to bring in additional measures if cases continue to rise. This could include mask wearing at all times, increasing testing, returning to bubbles and restricting the use of the dining hall. I will write to you again if we do need to bring in any of these measures and thank you for your support. In the meantime, could I please ask that families continue with the twice weekly lateral flow testing, using the kits that are sent home. This is the best way for us to keep Covid out of the school.

**At the present time, we are strongly advising that students wear face coverings when in congested areas such as the dining hall and in lessons.**

A reminder that if your child develops any symptoms of Covid, please do not send him or her to school. Stay at home and get a PCR test to check if your child has Covid.

### **Covid Vaccinations for 12–15-year-olds**

You will be aware that the Government is introducing vaccinations for Covid for 12-15 year olds. The decision to have a vaccine belongs entirely with the parents and the child, and we suggest that you discuss this as a family, before making a decision. Although the school is the place where vaccinations will be given, **the school will not actually be administering any of the vaccinations or overseeing the programme – this will all be managed by the NHS.**

**In a few days' time, we will be sending out letters and consent forms from the NHS** which we will ask you to send back, either saying that you wish your child to have the vaccination, or saying that you do not want them to.

Vaccinations for those who give consent, are likely to take place before half term. This date will be confirmed, once we have heard back from the NHS team who will be delivering them.

### **Change to Term Dates**

There is an additional bank holiday scheduled this year, as a result of the Queen's Golden Jubilee. As this

falls in half term, schools have been asked to schedule an additional day off during the term. At GHS, the additional day off will take place on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022, meaning that **the first day back from the Christmas break will now be Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022.** A full breakdown of term dates and other key dates can be found at the end of this letter.

### **Open Evening**

Our open evening for Year 6 parents and children will take place on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021 from 4:45pm – 8pm. This year, due to the continuing pandemic, we are limiting numbers, so as to make this a safe event. Parents who wish to attend therefore need to book a free ticket to for the open evening at <https://greenford.applicaa.com/year7>. Further details can be found on our website. If your child is involved in supporting the event, you will hear about this separately.

### **Show my Homework**

All students should now have access to Show My Homework and all parents in Years 7-12 have been emailed with login details. Parents of Year 13 students will be emailed their login details on Thursday. If you are having any problems logging into Show My Homework, then please contact Ms Grimley at [lgrimley@greenford.ealing.sch.uk](mailto:lgrimley@greenford.ealing.sch.uk). Research suggests that completing regular homework has a very positive effect on student progress and achievement.

Show My Homework is an excellent way of keeping track of the homework that your child has been set, and we would advise you to check it daily, to help your child remain organised.

Thank you, as ever, for your ongoing support.

With my very best wishes,



Mrs M Pye  
Headteacher

### **Key Dates Coming Up – please note that all events are subject to change if Covid cases rise.**

<b><u>Event</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>
Open Evening for Prospective Parents of Year 6 – please note that due to Covid restrictions, <b>this will be a ticketed event.</b> Check our website for more details nearer the time.  Please note that students will be sent home at 1:20pm to allow us to prepare for the evening.	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> October – 4:45pm – 5pm  Early finish on this day at 1:20pm
Post 16 Open Evening – more information to follow, and dependent on Covid case rates.	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> October
Half term	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2021 – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> October 2021.

# Greenford High School Term Dates 2021 -22

Please note that these dates are subject to change

Autumn Term 2021		
A Level Results Day	Thursday	19 August 2021 Main Hall, Lady Margaret entrance from 8 a.m.
GCSE Results Day	Thursday	26 August 2021 Main Hall, Lady Margaret entrance. Yr 11 – 8.00 a.m.; Yr 9&10 – 9.30 a.m.
Inset Days/Induction and Enrolment Day: Post-16	Wednesday & Thursday	1-2 September 2021
Induction Day: <u>Year 7 and 12 only</u> ; Post-16 enrolment	Friday	3 September 2021
School open for Year 9,10 & 11 8.30 a.m.	Monday	6 September 2021
School open for Year 8 8.30 a.m.	Tuesday	7 September 2021
Open Evening for Prospective Parents, Yr 6 into 7 - please note, students will be sent home at 1.20 pm.	Thursday	7 October 2021
Inset Day for Staff; <u>School closed for students</u>	Friday	8 October 2021
Half Term	Monday-Friday	25 October - 29 October 2021
Occasional Day - <u>School closed for students and staff (term time only)</u>	Friday	26 November 2021
End of Autumn Term – students sent home at mid-day	Friday	17 December 2021
Christmas Holidays		<b>Monday 20 December 2021 – Tuesday 4 January 2022. * please note change from previously published date.</b>
Spring Term 2022		
Start of Spring Term	Wednesday	<b>5 January 2022 * please note change from previously published date.</b>
Half Term	Monday-Friday	14 February – 18 February 2022
Raising Achievement Day – students/parents come in for pre-arranged interviews at set times	Friday	1 April 2022
Easter Holidays		Monday 4 April - Monday 18 April 2022
Summer Term 2022		
Start of Summer Term	Tuesday	19 April 2022
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday	2 May 2022
Half Term	Monday-Friday	Monday 30 May – Friday 3 June 2022
Last Day of Term: students sent home mid-day	Wednesday	20 July 2022
A Level Results Day (TBC)	Tuesday	10 <sup>th</sup> August 2022
GCSE Results Day (TBC)	Thursday	12 <sup>th</sup> August 2022