



26<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

## **Principal's Update – Spring Term 11**

Our first “normal” week, without the organisational challenge of on-site testing, and students are back into good routines. In this week’s assembly, Mr Osborne, Deputy Principal, talked about challenges that may appear insurmountable, but with thought, planning and determination, can be overcome – I think this could describe much of our work over the last year and I continue to be impressed by the resilience and positivity that our students and staff demonstrate each day.

### *Home Test Kits*

Early next week, students who have consented to testing will receive another box of tests to take home. There will be enough for twice weekly tests to continue through the Easter break and for the first week of term. If we receive more after that, we shall arrange distribution again.

### *Year 13 & Year 11 Exams (& Year 10 RE)*

Year 13 exam timetables are being published today and Year 11 (& Year 10 RE) will be published early next week. Students will also be directed to revision lists, where appropriate. Whilst we would want all students to try their very best in these exams, they should maintain perspective and try to avoid unhelpful stress. The results from these exams will be used to support teachers’ judgments, but will not be the only sources of evidence that teachers will rely on. It is important, therefore, that students continue to work hard in lessons before and after these exams.

### *Term Dates 2022/23*

There has been some discussion at national level about school term dates going forwards, post-pandemic. For this reason, our term dates for 2022/23 have not yet been published. We would expect to be able to confirm before the end of the summer term.

The last day of this term will be Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 which will be a normal, full day for all students. Students should empty their lockers before the Easter break. A reminder that the clocks go forward this weekend – please ensure that students realise and arrive on time on Monday!

Yours sincerely

Mr S Dey  
Principal