



Date: 5th February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Please find my weekly update below:

Covid-19 update:

The academy continues to test both staff and students who have consented weekly, we have had no positive cases in school since testing has begun.

My Child At School (MCAS)

Thank you to all parents who have registered and started to use MCAS. This is an important method of communication and after one or two early teething problems is now working well.

This will be the main form of communication from Monday 22nd February 2021 so it is vital that all parents register, we will not be using the old system after February half term. Please contact the academy if you do not have your registration details.

Please use MCAS to update your emergency contact details and consent forms for Covid testing and photographs, and all other consent forms.

Year 11 Information Evening 11th February:

Next week we will hold a virtual Year 11 Information Evening, please look out for details of the event next week

Attendance:

Attendance to online lessons continues to increase and I would like to congratulate all students with 100% attendance this half term.

Please can I ask parents to continue to encourage your child to attend all lessons every day

Learn Offline Day

As you know this week is Children's Mental Health week and we have been exploring a number of topics to help improve our students' mental wellbeing. With this in mind we will be holding a **'Learn Offline' day on Friday 12th February** to encourage students to move away from their computer screen or device and learn in other ways. This means we are pausing online lessons on this day and will write to you next week with a list of planned tasks/activities for your child to participate in offline.

The Academy will remain open on Friday 12th February for critical worker/vulnerable students who will also engage in practical lessons away from screens.



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We would also like to encourage everyone in the community to take the opportunity on this day to rest and reflect away from their screen.

MediaCity in the Community:

Also on Friday 12th February our school mini bus will be stopping at 5 locations in the community where students will be able to collect the stationary items, sanitary items, and half term activity packs as well as saying hello! Please do come and see us and look out for the times on our social media platforms/website next week.

As always if there is anything we can do to support you and your family at this time please get in touch.

With best wishes

Mrs M Dillon

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