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Dear Parents / Carers

As we reach the final two weeks of this half term there are some important updates for our students that I need to share with you, alongside changes to the guidance within school regarding Covid-19.

Face Masks

From Monday 17 May 2021 face masks are no longer recommended to be worn by students in school. This is only advice and students can continue to wear face masks, especially if they are anxious about the changes. They will continue to be worn by staff and visitors in busy areas such as corridors and communal areas and where social distancing can't be maintained (at least 2 metres). We will continue to ensure rooms are ventilated and that hand sanitiser is used.

It is important that students continue to carry masks with them. We have been advised that should circumstances change either nationally or locally (e.g. if there is a significant outbreak of Covid-19 cases in our community), then we can insist that students wear their masks again. Should this happen then we will of course inform you.

Lateral Flow Tests

Students should continue to do a Lateral Flow Test twice each week and submit the results to the school as before.

Uniform

Advance notice that after half-term students will not be permitted to wear coats in lessons. In addition, students will need to bring PE kits with them to school and change in the changing rooms. Correct uniform should be worn, therefore, every day. On that note please can I ask for your support with the following-

- Ensure students have a tie (our uniform stockists are open and have available stock)
- Students have appropriate shoes – see the [school website](#) for clarification
- No facial piercings are permitted
- No hoodies



PE kit

In addition to bringing PE kit to school after half term, the PE kit itself has to be as described on our [uniform page](#) of the school website. Branded tracksuits are not permitted. Students should have our all-purpose sports top in black and tracksuit bottoms in black both with the school crest.

Wednesday 26 May 2021

Students will be finishing early on this day to enable staff to work in collaboration with the staff from the other trust secondary schools on standardising the Teacher Assessed Grades for our Year 11 and Year 13 students. Lunch will still be available for Free School Meals students and for other students who want it. There will be a staggered dismissal as follows-

Year 11 – 12.35pm

Year 10 – 12.40pm

Year 9 – 12.45pm

Year 8 – 12.50pm

Year 7 – 12.55pm

Attendance

There has been a significant increase in student attendance since Easter. Thank you for your support with this. As we approach half term I ask that this continues. In the last week of the half term (w/c 24 May), any absence may require medical evidence to avoid being presumed as holiday and being referred to the local authority.

A reminder that the rewards trip to Alton Towers is dependent upon high attendance (96% or higher to qualify). Students missing on Friday 28 May without sufficient medical evidence will be excluded from the rewards trip.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



Ian Moreton
Headteacher