

Sixth Form Bulletin 13.11.20

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Welcome

Thank you for your continuing support at this current time, especially as we move into assessment and exam season in the Sixth Form. We have attached a leaflet that we hope you find useful.

We would like to thank Hannah Khan for her eloquent reading of 'For the Fallen' which formed part of our school commemoration of Armistice Day.



Progress reports

Year 13 Progress Reports will be issued on Monday - students can collect them from their tutors in tutor time or from the office the next day. Year 12 Progress Reports will be issued w/c 23rd November and Parents' Evening is scheduled for 3rd December. This will be virtual - further details to follow.

Lateness

Now that we are well into the second part of term, most students have adapted well to the new routine, but we are still seeing some students who are persistently late either for registration or classes. We are monitoring students lateness and will be running an after school sanction for those students who do not improve their punctuality.

Hillingdon Food Bank

We are collecting much needed donations for the Hillingdon Food Bank in the Sixth Form office. Students can simply drop an item off there if they wish to contribute. They are in need of long life items in particular such as **longlife juice, squash, UHT milk, powdered milk, tinned fruit, tinned meat and tinned fish**. They do **NOT need baked beans and pasta**.

Study room space after school

If any sixth form student feels that they would like to remain in school to study, we are offering some spaces in a computer room after school on Monday and Wednesday from 3.15-4pm. Students should contact their head of year or Mrs Lopes if they wish to do this.

Student Wellbeing

Please see attached, our first student well being noticeboard packed full of tips to support mental health and mindfulness.

Attendance

If a student is told that their teacher will not be in school and that there is no cover teacher, they do not have to be on site for that particular class.

Students can email Mrs Lopes to confirm that they will study at home and if we are not informed they will be marked as absent. Students will not be permitted to go home and come back again if the unsupervised class is in the middle of the day as they can still only enter the site at the beginning of period 1 and period 3.

Students must check their google classroom every day to check for any messages regarding teacher absence.

Year 12 Careers Events

There will be a Y12 Careers event on Thursday 19th November during P4 and students will be asked to select an alumni careers talk on Monday. Events such as this form part of the enrichment super curricular programme that is running slightly differently this year.

Year 13 Assembly

We are having a Year 13 Assembly Thursday 19th November, Period 3. All Year 13 students are to attend.

Year 13 Trial Exams

On Monday we will publish the exam timetable for Year 13. Exams will begin on the 7th December 2020. Year 13 students will be on study leave from this date and will only be required in school on the days of their exams.

Year 13 UCAS Appointments - Update

Appointments are filling up fast with Mrs Coyle, Mrs Harvey and Mrs Lane. Students will need to ensure that their UCAS application is filled in, personal statement and pending results added and application paid for **BEFORE** their appointment. Please do support your child with this over the next few weeks.

The following members of the school sixth form team have been allocated to process Year 13 UCAS applications. This includes checking details, personal statements, references and input of predicted grades.

13C and 13F - Mrs Coyle

13G and 13H - Mrs Lane

13M and 13W - Mrs Harvey

UCAS application deadline:

Friday 15th January 2021

UCAS - Parent Information

Please find some helpful links below with guidance to UCAS and careers.

- [How the application process works](#)
- [Parent Information Tool](#)
- [Student Finance and Support](#)

- University Entrance Requirements
- Writing a Personal Statement

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS & CARERS

Everyone has a role to play in keeping our schools safe and helping to stop the spread of COVID-19.

DON'T SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL IF THEY HAVE COVID-19 SYMPTOMS.

VISIT [NIDIRECT.GOV.UK/](https://nidirect.gov.uk) CORONAVIRUS TO BOOK A TEST ONLINE. CALL 119 IF YOU CANNOT BOOK A TEST ONLINE.

YOU SHOULD BOOK A COVID-19 TEST IF YOUR CHILD HAS:

A HIGH TEMPERATURE

This means they feel hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure their temperature).

OR

A NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH

This means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if they usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual).

OR

A LOSS OR CHANGE TO THEIR SENSE OF SMELL OR TASTE

This means they've noticed they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

IF YOUR CHILD DOES NOT HAVE SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19 BUT HAS OTHER COLD-LIKE SYMPTOMS, SUCH AS A RUNNY NOSE, THEY DO NOT NEED TO BE TESTED AND THEY OR MEMBERS OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD DO NOT NEED TO SELF-ISOLATE. YOUR CHILD CAN ATTEND SCHOOL IF FIT TO DO SO.

HERE'S WHAT TO DO IF:

YOUR CHILD HAS COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Book a COVID-19 test
- Household self-isolates
- Inform school immediately about test result

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school if the test is negative providing they are well enough, have not had a fever for 48 hours and if they haven't been advised to self-isolate by the PHA Contact Tracing Service.

YOUR CHILD TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Inform school immediately about test result
- Self-isolate for at least 10 days as advised by the PHA

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school after 10 days even if they still have a cough / loss of smell or taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks.

SOMEBODY IN MY HOUSEHOLD HAS COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- The household member should book a COVID-19 test
- Household self-isolates
- Inform school immediately about test result

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school if the symptomatic household member's test is negative and if they haven't been advised to self-isolate by the PHA Contact Tracing Service.

SOMEBODY IN MY HOUSEHOLD TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Inform school immediately about test result

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school when they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms*.

CONTACT TRACING HAS IDENTIFIED MY CHILD AS A CLOSE CONTACT

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Self-isolate for at least 14 days as advised by the PHA Contact Tracing Service

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school when they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms*.

YOUR CHILD HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A CLOSE CONTACT

WHAT TO DO?

- Attend school as normal
- If your child does not have any COVID-19 symptoms they should carry on with normal activities.

YOUR CHILD HAS TRAVELLED ABROAD AND HAS TO SELF-ISOLATE

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Self-isolate for 14 days in line with quarantine advice

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school when they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms*.

*If your child has been identified as a close contact of a case of COVID-19, or has returned from travel abroad and is self-isolating, they must self-isolate for 14 days regardless of a negative COVID-19 test result.

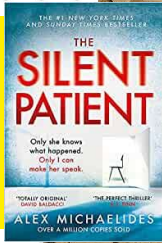
Further information, including Frequently Asked Questions for Parents and Carers, can be found on the Department of Education's website at www.education-ni.gov.uk

EDUCATION RESTART

Vyners Sixth Form Well Being Noticeboard

Need Support?

Read: The Silent Patient by Alex Michaelides



Do: Virtual Parkrun
- Walk or Run a 5k this weekend! Take a selfie and send to Mrs Coyle for next week's newsletter!

Eat: Quick Cookies

✓ Watch: The Durrells on Netflix



Listen: In the words of Mrs Vine, "whatever you like, just make it loud!"

Young Mind's is UK's leading charity fighting for children and young people's mental health. Find out more about them, their mission, how they work and the support they provide below.

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