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Dear Parents/Carers

WEEKLY UPDATE

You will no doubt be aware that from last week, Plan B restrictions are being phased out. From last Thursday, the requirement for students to wear face coverings in classrooms was removed and now there is no obligation to wear face coverings in communal areas. However, as a school community we cannot be complacent. We continue to receive daily confirmed cases of Coronavirus in school and I ask for your continued support in ensuring your child regularly LFT's. This will ensure we keep each other safe and also reduce the possibility of having to close year groups.

Y11 Mocks

I commend Y11's for their attitude towards their mocks. Invigilators have commented how mature and respectful students were. I look forward to seeing their results and sharing them with you.

Year 10 French Speaking Mock

Please be aware this will take place on Monday 31 January and Tuesday 1 February 2022. Miss Alexiou has given students their assessment slot. We wish the boys good luck and hope their hard work and revision pays off.

Y9's DTP/MEN vaccination

Attached is a letter from the local authority with regard to the above vaccinations for Y9 students. Included in that letter is a link to give your consent. Please ensure that you choose the correct school as there may be other schools with similar names in other boroughs.

Parents **must** complete the consent form using this link regardless of them consenting or declining the vaccine. Vaccinations will take place by NHS Staff on site on Friday 25 February 2022 and the link for consent will close one week before this to allow time to process.

Y8 Parents Evening

Y8 parents will take place virtually on Thursday 3 February 2022. Parents should have received the information on how to log on and book appointments with teachers. Students will be directed by their Science teachers who they need to make an appointment with. This has been done to allow parents to have one science appointment which will then allow more time to see all other teachers. For your information see below:

- 8.1 - Mr Andrews or Ms Oguike
- 8.2 - Mr Townson
- 8.3 - Ms Cimen
- 8.4 - Ms Maddison
- 8.5 - Ms Santarossa

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Expectations

I have today delivered assemblies to every year group with regard to respect and the College's expectations. You will remember that when your child joined the College, all parties had to sign up to Home/School Agreement. I firmly believe that in order to provide a high quality education students have to take responsibility for their own actions and behaviour. During the assembly, I reiterated our stance on the uniform policy. If students are not in the correct uniform, then they will have the opportunity to "loan" the item from the school. If students fail to comply, then parents will be contacted so that arrangements can be made for students to go home and rectify their uniform. Failure to obtain parental consent will result in students placed in the Internal Exclusion Unit. I ask that parents support us with this and check your child is in the correct uniform before they leave for school. For ease of information, I attach our Uniform Policy.

During the assembly, students were reminded of the College's Mobile Phone and Behaviour Policies. Staff have been instructed to confiscate any phone that is "out" and visible in school. Phones should be in bags or blazers and most importantly, out of sight. Also, I spoke to students about how everyone deserves to be treated with respect and to be aware how they speak to staff and others.

We have a small minority of students that are persistently late to lessons. This is having a detrimental impact on their learning and also extremely unfair as it disrupts the learning of others. Parents of this small group of students will be notified and if it does not improve, further sanctions will be imposed.

I am very mindful of the fact that children have been out of school for long periods of time due to Covid and being placed in "bubbles" impacted them in being able to socially interact with each other and also play and just have fun together. I do believe that they should have more social time together so it is for that reason I have decided to trial an extended lunch break. Our long term plan is to rollout lunch time extra-curricular clubs so that students enjoy a longer time with their friends and the possibility of learning new skills. This will also benefit the school in the short term as we manage staff absences and shortages. You will know that it is always a last resort to close year groups to manage staff absences.

Mental Health

You will know from previous letters that the College works very closely with "Bromley Y" who promote the emotional wellbeing and mental health of children, young people and families. Due to the success of previous webinars, Bromley Y have organised further webinars for pupils and parents. These include: -

- Webinar – Emotion Based School Avoidance in Children and Young People.
This is primarily for parents and carers and looks at understanding school avoidance in young people and ways to manage this. The webinar can be accessed by signing up via EventBrite. Sessions will take place on Friday 4 February, 1:00pm – 2:30pm and Tuesday 8 March 10:30am – 12noon
- Webinar - Exam Stress: Developing Healthy Study Habits.
This is suitable for any pupil in Years 10 to 13 and can be accessed by signing up via EventBrite. Sessions will take place on Wednesday 16 February, 1:00pm – 2pm and Tuesday 15 March, 4:30pm – 5:30pm
- The Signpost: Text Service
The Signpost' is a great way for 11 – 18yrs to get quick access to a Bromley Y practitioner. Texts are responded to within 24hrs and give support, containment and advice. The service can be used for young people who have already been referred to the service and those who have not.
- Webinars for Parent/Carers and Young People continue to run on a monthly basis and have dates arranged through till March 2022.

For further information on the webinars please visit our website.

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We are seeing an increasing number of parents turn up to school without a scheduled appointment and then requesting to speak with a member of staff. As I am sure you can appreciate similar to students, staff have timetables and they have to follow them. Staff do not have the flexibility to reschedule their lessons or meet with parents who have not made an appointment. I strongly advise parents not to turn up at school without a prior arranged appointment as staff will not meet with you. I have instructed office staff not to contact staff for a parent who attends school without a scheduled appointment. Please use all the normal channels to contact staff. Staff have allocated time at the end of the day to call/meet with parents. Staff monitor their emails during the course of the day and will respond to you as soon as they can.

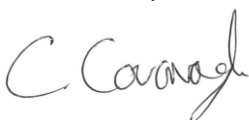
Finally, you may remember the story of our Y8 student, Leo Street, who very bravely decided to camp outside in all weather conditions for a whole year. He did this in order to raise awareness for Shout which is a mental health text service charity. Not only did Leo raise nearly £8,000 for the charity, he also met with the Duchess of Cambridge who congratulated him on his achievement.



What an inspirational and dedicated young man. We are extremely proud of him and we look forward to reporting on his next fundraising adventure.

All that remains is to thank you for your support, keep well and have a great weekend!

Yours faithfully



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