



27th March 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

As we reach the last week of a long and busy term just a few quick updates and reminders for you.

Monday 28th and Tuesday 29th March – Year 9

Thank you to families who have attended Year 9 options events over the last couple of weeks. Just a reminder that the deadline for decisions is this week. **One to one family meetings** with the leadership team are taking place on Monday and Tuesday. If for any reason you cannot attend your meeting or have not arranged a meeting, then please contact reception to arrange a time. This is the last part of the process and imperative to ensure your child makes appropriate KS4 choices bespoke to them.

Thursday 31st March – Year 8

Year 8 parents' evening will be taking place between 3:30 and 6:00 pm on Thursday. Thank you to families who have already confirmed attendance. If you have indicated your attendance, please complete the following link <https://bit.ly/3t1OuEh> and encourage your child to book the appointments with staff you wish to see.

Friday 1st April

Friday is our half termly rewards day and therefore a **non-uniform day** for all students; students should attend in sensible clothing (no low cut or T shirts displaying the navel). We ask for a contribution of between 50p and a £1 to support a local mentoring charity that supports many of our students in school. As a charitable organisation, Worth Unlimited do not accept direct payment but we can make a voluntary contribution to support their work, which in turn will continue to support our children at a time when the mental health and well-being of our young people is crucial.

We have bought several Easter eggs which will be given to the young people in each year group with **outstanding behaviour for learning** again this half term. Please keep an eye on our social media accounts as we celebrate success.

Year 11 will receive a **full examination timetable** on Friday in preparation for Summer exams. Hopefully, mock results will be distributed too, but this will be dependent upon the return to school of staff who have been absent with COVID. If we are not able to distribute on Friday, results will be given the first week back. Students have seen raw marks and exam papers in most subjects, so they are aware of areas they need to work on prior to the Easter break.

Key dates for **Year 10 study and parents' evenings** will be distributed after Easter.

COVID

Sadly, speaking of COVID, rates are on the rise once again in Doncaster. I was reliably informed last week that up to a third of staff/students in schools across the borough are currently infected. As a school, we have worked hard to adapt flexibly and creatively to staff absence. Although at times it has been challenging and far from ideal, we are proud we have managed to remain open for all students this half term despite staff absence due to COVID. We still have plenty of test kits in school that we will be distributing to students this week. Please can you remain vigilant and ensure your child tests the Monday evening (18th April) before we return to school. If positive, please inform us. We recommend students isolate and on the morning of Day 5 take a lateral flow test. If the test is negative, followed by a further negative test on Day 6 (24 hours apart) students should return to school. If one of these tests is positive, students must continue to test 24 hours apart until two consecutive negative test results are received. If testing is still positive up until Day 10, students can return to school on Day 11, providing they do not have a high temperature.

As always, thank you for your support once again this half term. It has been lovely to see so many of you face to face once again in our school building. I hope you manage to enjoy some quality time together as a family at Easter. Have a good break! **School reopens for all students on Tuesday 19th April.** Take care.

Kind regards

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