

Dear parents,

I hope that you and your families are well. As we come to the end of the spring term, there are a few things I would like to bring your attention to.

Home testing kits have been distributed this week; students will receive kits every 3 weeks. Tests need to be completed on Sundays and Wednesdays with results being logged on Test Register and gov.uk. I hope that you have activated your Test Register account and that you find it easy to use; once results have been entered there it automatically redirects you to gov.uk. If students test positive this Sunday on the lateral flow test or from a PCR test, in the next few days, can you please let us know by emailing [office@macademy.org.uk](mailto:office@macademy.org.uk) as we may need to identify close contacts.

Thankfully we haven't had to ask too many of our students to isolate this half term but I wanted to draw your attention to track and trace payments. If your child had to isolate leading to you not being able to attend work, you may be eligible for a track and trace payment. More information can be found here: [Claiming financial support under the Test and Trace Support Payment scheme - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/claiming-financial-support-under-the-test-and-trace-support-payment-scheme)

At the academy we understand that over lockdown students have grown, finances may be stretched and due to shop closures it may have been difficult to ensure that students were in full academy uniform. As we come back after Easter, hopefully things will be starting to open up more and so we expect all students to be in full academy uniform. More information about our uniform can be found on the academy website in the about us section. Could you also please remind your child about our expectations in relation to jewellery, hair, nails and eyelashes. If you need support with uniform or have anything you would like to discuss regarding this can you please contact your child's head of year to see if we can help:

- Year 7: [s.barrett@macademy.org.uk](mailto:s.barrett@macademy.org.uk)
- Year 8: [l.jones@macademy.org.uk](mailto:l.jones@macademy.org.uk)
- Year 9: [c.ball@macademy.org.uk](mailto:c.ball@macademy.org.uk)
- Year 10: [h.richardson@macademy.org.uk](mailto:h.richardson@macademy.org.uk)
- Year 11: [s.baker@macademy.org.uk](mailto:s.baker@macademy.org.uk)

Understandably, some students have needed regular reminders about the routines and expectations of the academy. We understand that lockdown has not been easy for anybody, that said, students have had a few weeks to settle back in and need to be following all of our expectations. Next half term we will be having an explicit focus on standards and behaviour with an emphasis on ensuring that students are following reasonable instructions at the first time of asking.

Lastly, we need to let you know that on Thursday 13 May we will be closing the academy to students at 12.10pm. Lessons will continue as normal up to that point and will resume the following day. The reason for this is to enable staff to have an extended period of time to work on the standardisation and moderation of centre assessed grades for Year 11 and Year 13 students. Clearly this process will be very time consuming and we owe it to our students

to ensure that we get this right and do the best that we can with this. Apologies for any inconvenience that this will cause, we wanted to give you as much notice as possible.

Thank you for your continued support this half term; it has been lovely to have all of the students back in the academy and to be able to resume face to face teaching. I hope that you manage to have a good break over the Easter holidays.

Take care,

Mrs R Coning  
(Head of School)