

28 May 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

End of Half-Term & COVID-19 Update – Years 7-10 & 12

Thank you for your support over the past half-term. Our students have adapted well and without fuss to the continually changing circumstances in school over the past six weeks. They have certainly enjoyed the return to learning in specialist facilities and to active play during break times. The return of a full menu of food being prepared by our chef and his team in the new kitchen, as well as the opportunity to enjoy sitting in the new dining rooms, has also been appreciated.

Surge Testing in Hounslow

Hounslow remains under special scrutiny due to the circulation of the COVID-19 Variant of Concern that originated in India. Everyone living the borough is encouraged to complete a PCR test to help identify asymptomatic cases and to get vaccinated at the earliest opportunity. The vaccination programme needs around 90% uptake to be truly effective.

Current PCR test centres and vaccination sites can be accessed by checking our [Twitter feed](#), or by accessing the [London Borough of Hounslow website](#).

Lateral Flow Tests

Please keep encouraging your son/daughter/ward to continue with the lateral flow tests over the half-term break. Any positive cases will be automatically logged with us, although it is still helpful to make contact at school@isleworthsyon.org should this be the case.

We have had one confirmed case of COVID-19 this half-term which came to light after a lateral flow test. This meant a further eight students having to self-isolate and I am pleased to note that none of these students have gone on to become symptomatic.

Please remember that your son/daughter/ward must not attend school if they have any of the COVID-19 symptoms and they must get a PCR test.

Free School Meal Vouchers

Students that receive a Free School Meal will get a voucher for £15 for the half-term break. This will be emailed directly to a parent/carer and come from 'Evouchers.com'; please do check spam or junk boxes if this does not arrive on Saturday.

I would encourage all families to check their emails as we still have a number of parents/carers who have still not accessed previous vouchers. If these vouchers are not claimed soon, they will become unusable. If you think that you might have become eligible for claiming free school meals, please apply using the application form [here](#).

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Internal School Examinations

You have already received a letter informing you of the timetable of internal examinations for your son/daughter/ward for next half-term. Timetables for each year group are on the [school website](#). Please be familiar with the schedule and help your son/daughter/ward to organise a revision timetable and to prepare for the examinations.

Brief Reminders

- **Inset Day** - we are having an additional day on **Wednesday 9 June**, to allow our staff time to process Centre Assessed Grades for our Year 11 and Year 13 students. Students will not be in school on 9 June and should ensure that they dedicate some time to personal reading, revision for forthcoming examinations and PPA catch-up. They can also take the opportunity to exercise and undertake some enrichment activities.
- **Punctuality to school** - please do support us by ensuring that your son/daughter/ward arrives outside the school gates by 8.30am at the very latest.
- **Appearance** - please be very familiar with our [policy](#). We ask parents/carers to pay special attention to the requirements for full school uniform, PE/Games kit and the rules for hairstyles, coats (not hoodies) and shoes. Thank you for your support.
- **Face Coverings and Hand Sanitiser** - face coverings will remain compulsory for next half-term and students also need to carry their own supply of hand sanitiser at all times.

Key Dates for the Next Half-Term

June: Monday 7 - Students return to school

Wednesday 9 - INSET Day

Wednesday 16 - First XI Cricket v MCC

Monday 21 to Thursday 8 July - Internal examinations, Years 7-10 & 12

July: Tuesday 12 - Track & Field Championships (Osterley Track) - no spectators this year

Thursday 14 - Summer Arts Festival - an open-air celebration

Friday 15 - Key Stage 3 Awards (goes online until the end of term)

Tuesday 20 - Last day of term

I wish all members of the school community well over the half-term break.

Yours sincerely,



Euan Ferguson
Headteacher