

28 May 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

End of Half-Term & COVID-19 Update – Year 11

My colleagues and I appreciate what a challenging time it has been for our Year 11 students coping with all of the requirements and changes to normality, resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. Many of the boys would have wished to sit normal GCSEs in the examination hall, but this has not been possible, so I congratulate them for continuing to work hard in lockdown and on their return to school.

As we end this half-term and our Year 11 students get a well-deserved break, I wish them all the very best for what I hope will be an enjoyable summer. My thanks to my pastoral colleagues, Ms Simms (Deputy Headteacher), Mr Gaskell (Pastoral Leader - Year 11), Mrs Hammett (Pastoral Support Manager - Year 11) and to the Year 11 tutor team for their leadership and support of the year group.

Please read on for a few important reminders.

COVID-19 Safety - 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](#).

Free School Meal Vouchers

Students in Year 11 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 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.

Book Returns & Lockers

All textbooks and library books must be returned to the members of staff or the librarian. This must be done early next half-term or on Results Day. If your son/ward has used a school locker in the past, this needs to be cleared and the key returned to the school office.

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Donations

If parents/students are willing to donate blazers/ties/sports kit etc to help other students, we would be happy to accept them as donations, to reception, after half-term. Please just make sure the items are bagged and in reasonable condition.

The Isleworthians Association

Year 11 students are eligible to join the old boys' association, which can be easily accessed on their [website](#). You can choose to continue your association with the school through membership and participation in sports teams.

Raymond O'Neill - RIP

Mr O'Neill's funeral took place yesterday afternoon. The number of mourners was strictly limited due to the current restrictions in place; however, thanks to technology, it was watched live, by friends as far away as New Zealand.

If anyone wishes to watch the recorded webcast, this can be done for the next couple of weeks using the information below.

Website: <http://www.obitus.com/>
Username: juha5416
Password: 116568

Mr O'Neill enjoyed history but he was also someone always looking to the future. He would certainly have joined me and all my colleagues in wishing our leavers all the very best for the next stage of their lives.

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Yours faithfully,



Euan Ferguson
Headteacher

