

8<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

As the Easter break approaches I just wanted to update on a few nice things that have happened over the last week along with a general update on the current covid guidance now in place.

**Changes to testing and isolation rules from 1<sup>st</sup> April** – as you will likely be aware from the media, routine testing for covid is no longer available. Schools and other outlets are no longer supplied with LFD test kits so we can no longer provide these for students and families. PCR tests are no longer free. The guidance now is:

**Students** – if you have a high temperature you should stay at home until you no longer have a temperature. Likewise, if you feel unwell enough to attend school then stay at home until you feel well enough. If you do test positive (which will become rarer as access to testing reduces) then the self-isolation period is now only 3 days with no requirement to have a negative test before returning to school.

**Adults** – the advice is to remain at home until you feel well enough and have no high temperature. If you test positive (again will become rarer as access to testing reduces) then the self-isolation period is now 5 days with no requirement to test negative after 5 days.

**Y11 Dance Showcase** – our Year 11 BTEC Dance students performed their final showcase on Wednesday this week to an audience of staff and students. Staff were blown away by the quality of the performances. Well done to all of the performers.

**Eco Conference** – Mrs Lloyd and the Eco Committee attended the CLF's first Eco Conference (about the 3<sup>rd</sup> time of trying but we finally managed to run it without covid getting in the way). Students from all CLF sites met in Weston for the day to look at how we can do more environmentally focused work in our sites and how we can make the planet better for ourselves and future generations.

**Boys Basketball** – following the update about the U14 Girls Team last time, this time it is the U16 Boys Team. After the game of their season in which they defeated Penryn College by a good margin the team are off to the Quarter Finals of the National Competition at the end of April. They have some really tough competition but we know they can do it. Good luck to all of our teams.

Finally, I wanted to apologise to any families that were affected by a recent "school craze" for a couple of days where some students partook in deliberately damaging the shirt pockets of others. This was completely unacceptable and was disappointing actions from a (relatively) small number of students. I have addressed all students and reminded them of our community values in respecting each other and treating others how we would wish to be treated. Thank you for the understanding shown by our families.

As we head into the Easter break I also wanted to take the opportunity to ask all of our families for support in ensuring our community standards are upheld. As the days get longer and (hopefully) the weather gets nicer it is natural that students will spend more time outside. This is definitely to be encouraged and should only be a



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positive thing. However, we also know from experience that it can lead to an increase in feedback from the community about anti-social behaviours. As always, this is from a relatively small number of students so I am always hesitant to include in a letter to all families but given that our students live in the community and any complaints received come from within the community I hope the message is received in the spirit it is intended. We are one community and our actions and behaviours affect our community. I am always minded of the quote "Don't do to others what you don't want them to do to you" and I would appreciate families speaking to our young people to reinforce expectations of how we conduct ourselves in the community.

We start back on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April at normal time (8:30am). There is **no INSET day**. A reminder though that Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May next term is a Bank Holiday.

With best wishes for the upcoming break. Happy Easter and Ramadan Mubarak to all of our families.

Best wishes,

Mr C Shaw  
Principal