

18 September 2020

Dear year 12 parents

As you may be aware, 3 students in year 13 are covid-positive and that year group will all out all of next week as they have been since Monday evening. For next week, year 12 will move back into the Godwyn House Sixth Form building for use of the social areas, study rooms and dining. Butler's House space will go back to being for year 11 who will return to school on Monday.

Year 13 will not have been in the Sixth Form building for a week and it has been well cleaned. The Sixth Form building has more rooms and allows for more social distancing which is important as I am sorry to say that some students are not observing appropriate social distancing in school. Sadly, examples such as sitting on each other's knees cannot be considered safe behaviour at the moment, and we all have to play our part in trying to reduce the spread. I have reminded the students of the need to follow the government advice as copied below and to stay safe.

- HANDS – Wash your hands regularly and for 20 seconds.
- FACE – Wear a face covering in indoor settings where social distancing may be difficult and where you will come into contact with people you do not normally meet.
- SPACE – Stay 2 metres apart from people you do not live with where possible, or 1 metre with extra precautions in place.

Next week our year 12 have their first assessments of the A-level course for which I wish them well. It will have been a long time since they have taken a test and I have asked staff to take that into account. There will be students who have never had a grade E before but we must remember that these are early days on a new course and we will work to support the students.

On a different note, my wife and I are taking part in a sponsored challenge during September, attempting to cycle 1000km between us to raise funds for cancer research. We had our own experience of this disease last year when Allyson had breast cancer and I am keen to support her in this challenge. If you would be able to offer support I would be very grateful.

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/team/allyson-and-nicholas>

Wishing you all a good weekend.

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