

Friday 12th March 2021

Please click on the link to see a new video message from Acting Principal Victoria Griffin -
https://youtu.be/1_o-bAoVq2g

Dear Families,

This week has gone by in a flash and I couldn't have been more impressed by how sensibly and respectfully the students have taken their lateral flow tests. To have everyone back in lessons by Tuesday morning was brilliant and everyone has now taken two tests. Well done to the whole school community for making this work so well.

This morning we have identified a single student in Year 12 who has tested positive and this student has been asked to self isolate immediately. The small number of children who have been in close contact with the individual who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) have already been contacted, and we have informed their parents that their child must stay at home for a period of self-isolation.

This reinforces the importance of students undertaking the LTF test initially at school but also at home from next week. We know that you may find this concerning but we want to assure you that we are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Public Health England. Please be reassured that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness and the student who has tested positive has no symptoms at all.

I would also like to thank you, and the students, for being so supportive of us having to enforce the wearing of masks in the school building. Almost without exception, the students have done this without having to be asked or reminded, even though they are irritating. None of us like doing it but if we all follow the rules until Easter, maybe there will be some relaxation when we come back next term.

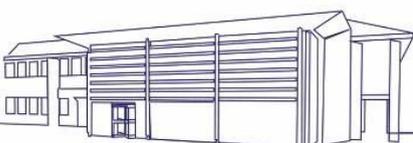
There are lots of students in Years 10 and 11 who might have had a surprise when they came to try on their uniforms and discovered they had grown out of them. We try to be as relaxed as we can be about the uniform and know it's not ideal when you have an unwelcome and unplanned expense. We do want to get the basics right though and would ask that your child has blue trousers (not black, and no jeans), a grey jumper (not a hoodie) and proper school shoes. If there are any problems, please do get in touch with your child's prep tutor and we will support in any way we can.

Year 11 and 13 (and some Year 12 classes) have now started to prepare the work we will use as evidence for the CAGs. They will need to work hard over the next few months, so thank you in advance for supporting this. As ever, we are also ensuring that the hard work is balanced with lots of fun and plans are in place for a wellbeing day before Easter, our May and July PBL weeks and proms for our Year 11 and Year 13 leavers.

Below, you will find details of how to access wider support in Hounslow, as well as how to access Covid tests for you and your families. This is something you are entitled to if you have children of school age.

Have a lovely weekend!

Victoria Griffin
Acting Principal



Collect your family's Covid-19 rapid test pack

As part of the roadmap out of lockdown, parents/guardians of school aged children can now collect a FREE pack of Rapid Tests (also known as Lateral Flow Tests) so that they can test themselves twice-weekly at home.

People in childcare bubbles or support bubbles with families that have school aged children are also eligible to receive the packs and are also being encouraged to test themselves twice a week.

Rapid Test packs are available to collect from the following collection sites in Hounslow:

- Padstow Walk car park, Feltham TW14 9XU
- Brabazon Road Sports Courts, Heston TW5 9LT
- Stamford Brook car park, Chiswick W4 1NH

Collection sites are open between 1.00pm-8.00pm, seven days a week. No need to book. To collect your family's pack, you must be over 18 years old and NOT have COVID-19 symptoms. Please walk to the collection sites if you can, as parking is very limited at the sites and nearby. For additional collection site locations and opening times visit:

<https://find-covid-19-rapid-test-sites.maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/findatestcenter.html>

Did you know...?

- You can also access Rapid Tests via your employer if they are offering testing to employees
- If you cannot get tested at your workplace or are unable to go to a collection site, you can order a home test kit online: [Order rapid lateral flow home test kits](#)
- You should report every result to NHS Test and Trace on the same day you take the test. [Report your test result online](#) or by calling 119.
- If you are unsure about doing your test at home, you can visit one of [Hounslow's community rapid test sites](#) and do a test there. **Note** you cannot collect home test kits from here.

PLEASE NOTE: Secondary school and college students will be receiving their test kits from school/college. Children of primary school age (and below) are not being asked to take a test.



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We'll all need support when it comes to isolation.



Finance

Worried about money during isolation? Access grants and benefits.



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Struggling with mental health issues? Get mental health support.



Medical

No one to deliver your prescription? Find health support.



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Not safe at home? Find help here or call 999 in an emergency.



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