

Friday 5th March 2021

Please click on the link to see a new video message from Acting Principal Victoria Griffin - <https://youtu.be/YcYeGPgmQXQ>

Dear Families,

We are now three days away from our long-awaited return to school. I am sure many of you - and your children - are feeling a mixture of excitement and anxiety at the prospect of coming back. We have been working hard to make sure the school is safe and we are ready to start teaching and preparing students for their next steps.

As you know, students in all year groups who were due to sit exams this summer (and those cancelled in January) will now have Centre Assessed Grades (CAGs) and we have plans in place to ensure that - when the time comes - teacher judgments are fair and fully represent the hard work students have put into their studies. When they come back next week, we will do everything we can to settle them back into school life and then there we will start preparing them for a series mini-assessments to inform those teacher judgements.

Last week I explained the process for students doing lateral flow tests on Monday. In summary:

- Years 10 and 11 need to arrive on Monday at 9:15am and will start lessons in Period 3. There will be no PE for Year 10 for this week and they will finish at 3.10pm. Year 11 will finish at 4pm as normal.
- Years 12 and 13 need to arrive in the allotted slot (see below) for their test and then may go straight home. They should use the remainder of the day to ensure all of their work is up-to-date before lessons start on Tuesday morning.

	Group	Form Tutor
9:00 AM	12 E	Ms Ferguson
9:30 AM	12B	Mr Shah
10:00 AM	12C	Ms Juttla
10:30 AM	12D	Mr Palmer
11:00 AM	12F and 12G	Ms Barrow
11:30 AM	13A	Mrs Thompson
12:00 PM	13B	Ms Curry
12:30 PM	13E	Mr Coles
1:00 PM	13D	Mr Naidoo
1:30 PM	12A	Mr Young
2:00 PM	13C	Mr Richardson
2:30 PM	CATCH UP	

Tassomai

All KS4 students have access to a revision app called Tassomai for English, Maths and for year 10 specifically, also Chemistry. This would cost £45 per student per month if parents privately subscribed. Thank you to all parents who returned the slip agreeing for your email address to be shared with Tassomai so you can receive weekly update emails on your child's performance. These will begin on Monday 8th/15th March. Those who have not yet will be contacted by school to provide that consent.

This app is important for year 10s; starting early will ensure those key concepts are clear before beginning year 11. They have already shown they are in good habits using the app regularly, and have their successes celebrated weekly with their tutors. The year 11s need to use the app to ensure they are ready for their upcoming assessments contributing to their GCSE grade. In total the year 11s have answered an amazing 3238 questions in the last week, but this is not evenly spread across all students. If all were consistently using the app even for 5 minutes per day there would be closer to 10,000 questions answered



Below you will see details of how you can become a 'Community Champion' as Hounslow gradually comes out of lockdown.

As ever, we are here to support and answer any questions; just get in touch if you have any concerns or need more information.

Have a lovely weekend!

Victoria Griffin
Acting Principal



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- You sign up to be a community champion
- We give champions the latest information about Covid-19
- Champions share the messages with people in their community, however they want.
- Champions let us know what is or isn't working and help us to dispel myths or concerns

To sign up and for more information, visit www.hounslow.gov.uk/covidcommunitychampion

Community Champion

The poster features a central illustration of five stylized human figures in various colors (blue, grey, red, purple, yellow). One figure in the center is wearing a purple hoodie with the text 'Community Champion' on it. The background is white with a colorful, dashed border.