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COVID UPDATE

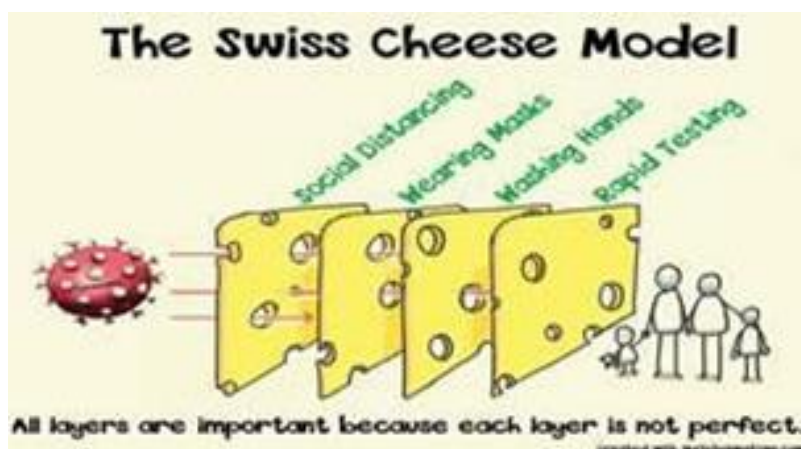
Firstly, many thanks for all of your support over the past few weeks especially. Our region is experiencing an increase in those testing positive for Covid, and so are schools. That means that the numbers being asked to self-isolate are increasing too.

UPDATE ON STUDENTS WHO NEED TO ISOLATE

When we get notice of a positive test, either from a test done at home (LFT) or a test done at a centre or at home and sent away (PCR), we then start our very thorough investigations. We are a school-version of track and trace effectively. It is based on the information that we receive about who the close contacts of the student are. The last thing that we want to do is send students home unless we have to and share your frustration. Work or live lessons will happen on Teams.

COVID MEASURES IN SCHOOL

We are still using a number of measures in school to make the school covid-secure. I have sent you the 'Swiss Cheese' model before. Students are being reminded of these measures. We are requesting that students wear their masks in lessons again. We never stopped wearing masks in communal spaces, so this is still expected. We are taking every measure possible to stop the increase of cases in the school. Those who are exempt from mask wearing will remain exempt. Please remind your child that, unless exempt, mask wearing is compulsory on public transport. Thank you for your support, as always.



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ASSESSMENTS

As is always the case in the summer term, our students were doing some form of 'end of year' assessment. Assessment has lots of uses; it shows students what they know and anything they may need to go over. They also inform our planning for the next academic year. This year we have to look at any areas we need to focus on after a period of lockdown as well. If your child missed their assessment they will have another chance to do them.

Year 10 assessments will have a timetable which starts on July 5th.

Years 7, 8 and 9 will be done in lessons with notice for the students.

Once again, please be reassured that we look at sets and groupings for next academic year based on lots of different information, not just an end of year test.

HOUSE COMPETITIONS AND STUDENT LEADERSHIP

We will still be collecting points for our 5 houses and adding them up to see who wins House of the year. We have our new House boards up in the school and will shortly be interviewing students to become the next House captains. We have more applications than ever this year! We also have a large number of Diversity Champions. These are students who want to make sure that every voice is heard. This is a really important role and we are looking forward to them helping to shape our community.

INSET DAY

Advance notice that July 1st is our last INSET day of this academic year. There will be no students in school on that day.

I am looking forward to a time when I can write an update and I don't use the vocabulary we have got so used to; masks, LFT, PCR, self-isolation, Covid etc. Hopefully, by working together, this will soon be here.

Thank you, as always, for your support. Please let us know if we can help in any way or you have further questions. Please look out for our Cornerstone magazine due out beginning of July!



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