

## Headteacher's Bulletin

22nd April 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's wonderful to see the students back this week after a restful break. I hope you enjoyed spending time together as a family!

We are straight back into learning and ran successful revision sessions over the Easter holiday to support our Y11 and Y13 students as they approach their exams. Thank you to all staff who ran these sessions and thank you to those students who worked so well!



### You said, we did!

Thank you to those parents/carers who completed our recent Parent/Carer survey; we received several hundred responses and, whilst this has given us some very valuable feedback, I would welcome more families completing the survey next time round as it really does give us a picture of what we are doing well and where we can improve.

From your feedback, some parents/carers were unsure what 'Wider Personal Development' might be and therefore weren't sure what response to give to this question. At our school, we aim to educate the whole child and that means not just through their timetabled lessons. Unlike many other schools, we timetable PSHCE (Personal Social Health Citizenship and Economic Education) so that students have dedicated hour-long lessons built into their timetable, which allows for meaningful engagement with the topics we deliver. The staff who deliver these lessons receive training as a PSHE team and you can therefore be reassured that all timetabled lessons are delivered by staff with sound subject knowledge.

Outside of this, under the term 'Wider Personal Development', the Careers Information Advice and Guidance we offer both in-house via activities in form time and outside of lessons (e.g. engagement with employers, interview practice, etc) is second to none! We work closely with Trafford Connexions Careers Service and are consistently meeting the Gatsby benchmarks – a measure of our success against Government guidelines! This means that **all** of our students go into Sixth Form, further education, higher education, employment or apprenticeships when they leave us.

'Wider Personal Development' also includes our Enrichment offer (after school clubs) and you will soon be seeing this term's brochure of what we offer. It is aimed at enriching the curriculum, building Cultural Capital for our students and is about having fun! Please look out for this in your child(ren)'s school bag and have a chat with them about what they might like to get involved in if they haven't already!

### **Covid Update**

We are now all learning to live safely with COVID-19. From 1st April 2022, the Government changed the rules on accessing tests for COVID-19. As a result of this, they have removed the current guidance for schools and replaced it with the more general guidance below:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/people-with-symptoms-of-a-respiratory-infection-including-covid-19>

As we move into this next phase, schools will continue with all of things they have been doing to reduce the spread of viruses (including CV19). These actions include making sure that busy places are well-ventilated and reinforcing good hygiene practices such as hand-washing and cleaning.

Please may I remind you of the key points from the updated government guidance so that you are clear about when your child(ren) should and should not attend school:

- It is no longer recommended that children and young people are routinely tested for COVID-19 (unless asked to by a health professional). If they do test positive however, they should not come into school and should try to stay at home for 3 days after the day they took the test. After 3 days, if they are well enough (and do not have an ongoing high temperature), they can return to school.
- Children and young people with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend school. Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people, where they can. They can go back to school and resume normal activities when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.

Through this next phase, we will continue to work with Trafford Public Health team for support and advice. If our school has an outbreak, for example, we will be advised about additional actions they may need to take.

Vaccination is still the best way to keep everyone, including children and young people, safe. Please check the latest information on who can have a COVID-19 vaccination and how to get it here:

<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/>

	Action to take	Stay at home	Back to the setting
<b>Adult with a confirmed case of COVID-19</b>	<p>Report their positive result <a href="#">here</a></p> <p>Get plenty of rest and drink water to keep hydrated</p> <p>Use medications such as paracetamol to help with your symptoms</p>	<p>For 5 days after the day they took their test</p> <p>Adults who have tested positive for COVID-19 but are feeling well should still stay at home until 5 days after the day they took their test.</p>	<p>After the 5 day isolation period if they are well enough to return and no longer have a temperature (if they had one)</p>
<b>Child with a confirmed case of COVID-19</b>	<p>Report their positive result <a href="#">here</a></p> <p>Get plenty of rest and drink water to keep hydrated</p> <p>Use medications such as paracetamol to help with your symptoms</p>	<p>For 3 days after the day they took their test</p> <p>Children who have tested positive for COVID-19 but are feeling well should still stay at home until 3 days after the day they took their test.</p>	<p>After the 3 day isolation period if they are well enough to return and no longer have a temperature (if they had one)</p>
<b>Adult with symptoms of a respiratory infection</b>	<p>Get plenty of rest and drink water to keep hydrated</p> <p>Use medications such as paracetamol to help with your symptoms</p>	<p>Stay at home and avoid contact with other people, until they no longer have a high temperature (if they had one) or until they no longer feel unwell</p>	<p>When they are well enough to return and no longer have a temperature (if they had one)</p>
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Symptoms of COVID-19, flu and common respiratory infections include:

- continuous cough
- high temperature, fever or chills
- loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell

- shortness of breath
- unexplained tiredness, lack of energy
- muscle aches or pains that are not due to exercise
- not wanting to eat or not feeling hungry
- headache that is unusual or longer lasting than usual
- sore throat, stuffy or runny nose
- diarrhoea, feeling sick or being sick

### Student Success!

#### Duke of Edinburgh Awards

Year 11 Duke of Edinburgh mountain bike expedition to Chorlton Water Park has just taken place. All students displayed self-management, self-belief, respect and responsibility on the busy roads and Trans-Pennine trails.

These students are an inspiration to others – they have really put in lots of hard work to achieve this – well done everyone!



#### Young Journalist

Erin-Beau in Y10 has made it to the final for the Best Women's Content Creator award at her football club and asked if everyone could vote for her in the final. Erin Beau appears under the name 'Golf Road Goals' and the category is 'Best Women's Content Creator'.

You can vote here:

<https://nonleaguebible.weebly.com/nlbible-awards.html>

#### Sporting Heroes

In Year 10 we can announce some individual sporting successes: Maisie K was representing her club today in a North-West Rowing competition (fingers crossed she did well!) and Nic M is training with the England football squad next week! Congratulations to both of you!



### Stars of the Week

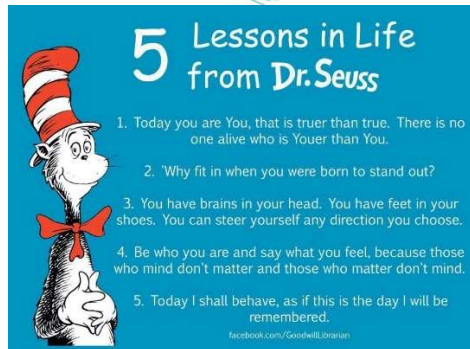
This week's Student Star of the Week goes to **Tom Blairs (Year 9)**! Tom has won because of his excellent professionalism and emotional intelligence when conducting Student Panel interviews for prospective AC employees earlier this week! Many congratulations Tom – a job well done! You're a STAR!



Staff Stars of the week this week are.... **Mrs Wright and Mrs Armitage (not seen here) in the Finance Office and Mr Gillan Head of History!!** I know all our staff work incredibly hard however these three members of staff have really given their all recently. Congratulations from all your colleagues!

### Vacancies at our school

We are still recruiting cleaners for late afternoon/evening shifts in our school. If you or anyone you know might be interested, please head to the Job Vacancies section on our school website or go to the INDEED website for more information.



Thank you for your continued support of our school.

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