



Dear Students, Parents and Carers

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Parents' Evenings 2020-21

We will be running Parents' Evenings for the foreseeable future remotely. The first evening is Year 13, scheduled for **19th November 2020, 3.50pm-7pm**. We will be sending out further information separately to year 13 families. In the next few days we will send out a Newsletter dedicated to our whole system for sharing progress information with families. In the meantime, **Year 11 families** should note that we will now be running the first Year 11 evening on 10th December 2020, 3.45 – 7pm. All dates and arrangements for all year groups will be confirmed in the dedicated newsletter.

Keeping lessons going

The first full week of making all school lessons accessible to students who have to self-isolate has been reasonably successful and a definite step forward. Feedback on the positives and negatives (mainly technology-related) were very helpful. The number of positive cases connected to school has fallen noticeably, though Covid cases continue to be present in the community and school. This week we do have some teachers who are having to self-isolate too. Where these staff are well enough, they will teach their class live via Teams, with another teacher in the classroom to manage the lesson. We trialed this yesterday and, again, it was an improvement on previous lessons but with some issues to iron out. Our top concern this year is learning missed due to Covid and our virtual learning is a key development to keep learning going. Nothing replaces learning in school with the teacher in person and all of our measures should minimise the impact of Covid as far as possible.

Wood Green Baccalaureate

It was lovely yesterday to sign a heap of Year Award certificates for students to recognise the 'Lockdown Baccalaureate' work students did in addition to their classwork between March and July. Our Wood Green Baccalaureate recognises and promotes all the important skills and qualities that we want Wood Green students to show, from good attitudes to learning through to giving to the community. Well done to all students who will receive their certificates in the next couple of weeks.

Life goes on

We are delighted to have begun work on refurbishing an area of school to create a new IT Hub. This area of school will provide a central IT area for learning and support in the centre of school. Supporting this is a PTA project this year so do get in touch with the PTA via our website if you would like to know more. Also, much needed repair work has begun on the main corridor in school, after we secured a £150000 grant from the Acer Trust to carry this out.

Yours sincerely

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