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Dear Parents/Carers and Students

Hello and once again welcome to our weekly update.

Another week has passed and hopefully it's another step closer to coming out of lockdown and regaining our freedom to meet and hug our family and friends, without trepidation or fear. The cancellation of Glastonbury this week tells us we still have a long way to go, but if we all continue to do our bit, however small, the day of liberation will come sooner. It's also a timely reminder of the hardships that many areas of our society are facing, from the music industry to the retail industry, so our thoughts go out to every person who has been adversely affected by this pandemic. Yes, it's tough having to stay in, but not nearly as tough as losing a loved one or one's employment.

After my gripe last week about Gavin Williamson's comments in the media, I'd like to thank those parents who have taken the time to email me to praise the fabulous work all our staff are doing. I read this week that Ofsted have had over 30000 messages from parents about what a fantastic job our schools across the country are doing and only about 250 complaints. I imagine working in the Ofsted offices last week must have been good for the inspectors' wellbeing - having to read all those positive comments. I hope they have shared them with Gavin!! I know I have certainly enjoyed reading and sharing your comments with staff. I'll share one with you that made me smile:

'For me, I would like to thank you, and all your colleagues for all the hard work that it has been for you all over this last year.

You have made it possible for my daughter to maintain her aspirations for her future (even if our blessed government does not seem to be) and to feel that there is some point and value to engaging with her ongoing education.'

It is vitally important that all students try their very best to engage with their online learning, they have their whole lives ahead of them and must see the bigger picture as they plan their futures and careers.

Thank you to those parents who have taken the time to complete the short survey below about our online learning. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive and we have had some suggestions that we will try and implement to improve this service to your children. The link is below, if you would like to add your comments:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Muld21g0TUSFRSKJe3Yn28skfPLgTTdOIIxjRP7z0v1URU02UEdEUzkzNUZBTzBORVE1Q0xWUzRWQj4u>



OFQUALS changes to Assessment for the attention of Y11 and Y13 parents

The regulatory board governing exams, has recently published its consultation regarding the proposed changes to assessment for the summer of 2021. They are asking for the views of a wide variety of stakeholders including teachers, parents, carers and students. If you would like to respond to the consultation please follow the link below.

[Consultation on how GCSE, AS and A level grades should be awarded in summer 2021 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/consultation-on-how-gcse-as-and-a-level-grades-should-be-awarded-in-summer-2021)

Lateral Flow Tests

After some confusion this week from the Government about whether LFT will continue in schools, it was made clear yesterday that these will continue. I am pleased to let you know we had a trial run through this week and everything went according to plan so we were signed off by our Quality Lead. We will begin testing next week with the children and staff who are in school. Once again, thank you to our volunteers who are giving up their time to enable us to administer LFTs.

Online safety

All of our students should be aware of how to stay safe online, but as with all things that we become familiar with, we can become complacent or need a gentle reminder. Below are two online safety websites and there is further guidance on our school website. Please speak to your child about the importance of staying safe whilst online - thankyou. If you need further information, please do not hesitate to contact us at the school.

CEOP at <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

The Safer internet Centre at <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

Finally, thank you for your continued support and for keeping your child/children focused and engaged with their learning.

Please take care and stay safe.

Yours sincerely



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