



Norbury Manor Business & Enterprise College for Girls

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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you had a restful and peaceful Christmas holiday. Our best wishes to our families who have poorly loved ones and who have lost loved ones. You should be receiving a letter from Ms Tsoukkas regarding an in school pilot so please look out for that.

Critical Worker Children

The critical worker children who are attending school they must be here for 9am and they finish at 3pm, please can you work with us to ensure they are here on time because we are facilitating works around their attendance in school.

COVID-19 Testing for students coming on site

We conducted our first set of COVID testing this morning and thankfully all went well so we will be providing this weekly for our key worker children attending school and the staff at work here as well. The year 13's who did have their test today should return at the same time on Tuesday to take their second test.

Year 12 who have their exam on Tuesday afternoon should also come and get their tests on **Tuesday morning at 10am**. Please ensure their consent forms are completed.

If we have any parents who are willing to volunteer with the testing of students and staff at Norbury please let us know, and we can arrange for DBS checks and training to be completed.

Options assemblies

Options assemblies started this week for the students in year 9 and they will continue to have these throughout until their options evening in March.

Parents Evenings

Parents evenings will continue to be virtual for the foreseeable future so this term we have:

Year 9 – 20.01.2021 & Options evening – 10.03.2021

Year 13 – 03.03.2021

Year 10 – 24.03.2021

The booking system is the same as always and more information will follow closer to the time opening for booking appointments.

Exams



As you know the government announced that they have scrapped the GCSE and A levels in its original format and are moving to centre assessed grades in some form but this is out to consultation. Last year the BTEC exams were counted within the CAGs which is why we are proceeding with the January exams as normal. Subject leaders and the leadership team are looking at the curriculum and working on revising plans to support our students. What it does mean for our exams year groups is that everything that they do moving forward will be taken into account.

On-line lessons

We have noticed that some of our students have not been engaging with their online lessons which raises a safeguarding concern. As part of our duty of care, if students miss two lessons in a week we will notify you. If students continually miss lessons without a valid reason it will result in a home visit welfare check.

All students are required to attend their online sessions at:

9am – Form time

10am – session 1

12pm- session 2

2pm – session 3

Behaviour

Normal expectations around behaviour still stand and any student that chooses to undermine the purpose of on line lessons or expectations with regard to social media will be sanctioned on their return to school.

I send a weekly update to staff so whilst we are in lock down I will send a weekly update to parents as well. I wish you all a great weekend and look forward to catching up with you all next week.

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Hayden', with a horizontal line drawn through the middle of the signature.

Mrs M Hayden
Headteacher