

12th March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Term 4 updates: First week back in school

We have had a great first week back at school and it has been absolutely lovely to see the students settling into school life again, albeit with continued restrictions in place across the school. Staff are delighted to have the students back with us and we are starting to feel like a school community again. 'Live' lessons have been a fantastic addition to Remote Learning during this last closure period, but nothing beats us all being on site together!

Testing in school in now nearly complete and we will be able to move to **students testing themselves at home** over the next few days. We have only had a tiny number of positive cases during the in-school testing period, but since these were asymptomatic, it shows that the extra security the testing programme provides can be very useful. We have been able to support the NHS Test and Trace by identifying close contacts and asking them to self-isolate according to the government instructions. I appreciate that this has been frustrating for a number of families since the school has only just re-opened for all students, but these measures are in place to help reduce the transmission of the virus.

We will be providing as much access to **live lessons as possible for students who are self-isolating** and will supplement these lessons with the Continuity of Learning work on the school website.

Students have been really supportive of the policy around **mask-wearing**, which has been a huge help during this first week back. We know it is not pleasant wearing a mask all day and although the majority can put up with this, if your young person really cannot wear their mask for medical or other reasons, please complete this form to apply for an exemption lanyard.

Unfortunately, we are not going to be able to start the majority of clubs and activities after school until after the Easter holidays. However, **Keep Up, Catch Up** to support homework is still available:

Monday	Year 8 - LRC	Year 10 - N32	
Tuesday	Year 7 – E01	Year 9 - LRC	Year 11 - N32
Wednesday	Year 8 - LRC	Year 10 - N32	
Thursday	Year 7 - E01	Year 9 - LRC	Year 11 - N32



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We will have a wide variety of activities on offer as soon as the circumstances allow. Staff are very keen to get the students involved in all things Seahaven as soon as possible!
Have a very good weekend.
Yours sincerely
Sarah Pringle Headteacher