

Principal's Blog

Friday 12th March 2021

We are back!

What a great first week back. All students returned on Monday 8th March and between the lateral flow tests we have been settling back into our learning, our high standards of academy conduct expectations and enjoying socialising with friends. On Monday 15th March we will have completed our final 'in academy' lateral flow tests. Every student involved in this has done so with maturity and without fuss - thank you! At that point we will be distributing the home testing kits to students with consent. Those who have been doing these in the academy are well practiced in how to do the test which is very quick and easy to do. This link provides further information on the tests including in a variety of other languages.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-self-test-help>

A further letter will be sent very soon regarding home testing. At the time of writing all lateral flow tests have been negative, however, it is still vital that we all continue with the current restrictions and practice hands, face and space.

Virtual parents evenings continued this week with parents and carers of Year 9 and 10 students meeting with subject teachers. We have received a lot of positive feedback already from you regarding how you like the focussed time and no waiting around for your next appointment. There is a form for Year 9 and 10 parents and carers to feedback to us further <https://tinyurl.com/y7uo7hxy> please complete this before we break up for Easter - Friday 26th March. Our next event will be with **Year 11 on the 23rd March**, please check our website for further details on this if you have not already signed up to meet the subject teachers for your child.

Please remember that your child may require more clothing at this cold time of year and in the academy due to the required ventilation of all rooms. I would like to take the opportunity to remind all that: Hoodies are not allowed on site and that a coat is allowed to be worn on top of the full school uniform, not in replacement of it, nor under the blazer. Thank you for your support with this.

Already this first week back students have been enjoying our new set up in art, photography and design technology. This has allowed for more opportunities for practical lessons which I know students will enjoy and be in favour of. Well done to Year 9 who have adapted amazingly to the revised Year 9 zone.

For our wonderful Year 11 students it is now more than ever vital that they attend every day and make the most of every lesson. I will be going through with them next week key information that they need to know regarding the next few months. If you have any concerns please make contact with us.

As always, thank you for your support and have a lovely weekend

Information Site to access support can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/y4pwhzqa>



Guardian Summaries

We often receive from parents questions about how they can further support their child. One method is by signing up to **Guardian Summaries**. A detailed support area for this is here <https://classroom.freeston.outwood.com/home>. Guardian Summaries will allow you to see what work your child has been assigned.

Wellbeing for all is vital

A reminder that there is the green button on our website taking to [Mental Wellbeing - Outwood Academy Freeston](#) and our own support site [Mental Wellbeing Resource Site](#) please use these and share with others.

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