

Principal's Blog

Friday 19th March 2021

Time to focus on what matters

This week has been a time to really clarify for Year 11 what the next few months hold. I held a live virtual assembly with the whole year group to ensure they understood what this will look like. I made clear the importance of full attendance, unless isolating due to being a close contact of a positive case. Teacher Assessed Grades (TAG's) were overviewed, including the importance of the evidence bank available for each subject showing sustained and varied proof of grade. Year 11 have been working really hard on this, their dedication and commitment is amazing to see. I also reminded Year 11 of the revised exam results date of the 12th August. An overview of the information in letter format and an infographic timeline has been added to the website for parents to read more.



Please remember that our Year 11 virtual parents evening is on Tuesday 23rd March, please sign up if you have not already to allow you to speak to subject teachers.

We have now completed the in-academy lateral flow tests for students; home testing kits have been given out to all year groups. A letter is on the website which gave full details for this and further home testing kits will be provided to students before the Easter holidays. Please remember to log the outcome of the test here <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result> and to the

academy Google form (link has been text to parents and is on your child's year group Google Classroom page). Of course, if there is a positive result, please do this ASAP so we can follow through with any action required within the academy.

Mr Daniel's, supported by Learning Managers, have delivered a lot of praise gifts to students who were outstanding home learners during the lockdown period. Congratulations to all students who received these for going above and beyond in your home learning.

At noon on the 23rd March we will recognise the National Day of Reflection with many across the country by conducting a minute of silence. Whilst there will of course continue to be challenges ahead, we hope that our involvement in this event will help us all take the opportunity to pause and think about our collective loss and support each other for the future.

We have one week remaining on the run up to the Easter break. I look forward to seeing all students in the academy next week giving their learning 100%.

As always, take care and stay safe

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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