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Dear Parents and Carers

RE: Principal's Newsletter

I hope you and your family members are all well. I am writing to you at the end of a busy week with a few updates.

Lateral Flow Device Testing:

I am really pleased to inform you all that plans for the lateral flow device testing went very smoothly this week and we carried out the first test (out of three) for all year groups. We are now moving on to the second tests, and years 10 and 11 will have had these by the close of play today. I am also pleased to report that it is 'good news' so far and students have behaved impeccably this week. Thank you for your support, especially for year groups who are travelling in on days when they may not have lessons. We had excellent take-up yesterday from Year 13.

Spotlight on Excellence:

Thank you to Mr Branch (Assistant Principal) and Mr Andrews (BOA's content creator) for organising this term's 'spotlight on excellence', which captures the outstanding work that has been carried out at home and during online lessons. We will release this content over the coming half term via social media.

Year 10 Parents' Evening:

I'm pleased to report that the Year 10 Parents' Evening went well yesterday (11th March 2021) and thank you to the parents and carers who took the time to send me a few words of support for the academy's work during this academic year.

Wellbeing:

Attendance figures for this week have been excellent and I am really pleased we have been able to welcome our students back to onsite, face-to-face lessons. Of course – we appreciate that students have found the last 12 months challenging in terms of wellbeing and that some will be anxious about their return to the academy, as well as using public transport again. Staff will work sensitively and to the best of their ability to support students, but please get in touch with your child's tutor if you have any concerns or information to share. You can – of course – email me on the address at the bottom of this page.

Good news stories:

Congratulations to Olivia Wilson in Year 11 who has just signed a recording contract with Spectrum Music Ltd, who have commented that: 'We are so excited to have on Liv on board as one of our recording artists. She is naturally gifted, passionate, hardworking and has fantastic charisma - all great traits to become a successful recording artist.' Such excellent news!

Until I write again, I hope you all stay safe and well.

Yours truly,



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