

19 March 2021

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 that we have now completed the lateral flow device testing at BOA and participating students have had 3 tests. We have handed out the home-testing kits, which contain three tests. **Please remember that tests should be taken 3 to 5 days apart.** Below are some suggestions for when you should carry out your child's first test:

Year 10: Sunday 21st (as the last test at BOA was taken on Wednesday 17th)

Year 11: Sunday 21st (as the last test at BOA was taken on Wednesday 17th)

Year 13: Saturday 20th (as the last test at BOA was taken on Tuesday 16th)

Year 12: Monday 22nd (as the last test at BOA was taken on Thursday 18th)

Instructions on how to carry out the twice-weekly tests and report the results can be found in the information sheet inside the testing kit. If your child's test result is positive, please ensure you follow the usual guidance on self-isolation in your household and inform the Attendance Officer that your child will be absent from BOA.

We will issue all participating students with a new kit on Friday 26th March 2021.

Uniform:

We will be carrying out a thorough check on uniform next week, as we have noticed a few 'adaptations' over the last two weeks. Please remind your child that he/she/they should not be wearing ripped jeans or trousers, and that the jeans or trousers (et al) should be black with minimal branding. BOA-branded t-shirts, cardigans and hoodies should be worn (in the colour assigned to each key stage) and long-sleeve t-shirts of varying designs should not be worn underneath the t-shirts. Thank you for your support with this.

Year 13 Teacher Assessed Grades (TAGs):

We have now received official word from Pearson Edexcel on how the Level 2 and Level 3 BTEC qualifications will be awarded this year. I can confirm that all grades will be submitted to the exam board by 18th June 2021, in line with all other qualifications (GCSEs and A' Levels). My colleague, Mr Painter (Assistant Principal) will write to you all next week with full details.

End-of-term arrangements:

A reminder that lessons will finish at 12.15pm on Thursday 1st April 2021, ahead of Good Friday on 2nd April. Students should make their way home immediately.

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

Yours truly,



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