



COVID-19 UPDATE 15

12th May 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am sure that you, like me, heaved a sigh of relief at Monday's announcement by the Prime Minister that the government's COVID recovery roadmap remains on track and that there will be a further easing of restrictions from next Monday, 17th May. As this will have an impact upon school and college communities across England, the purpose of this latest letter is to let you know how these changes will impact upon our students and staff, as well as updating you in relation to some other information specific to Prince Henry's.

Face Coverings

Following Monday's announcement, the DfE have issued an update to all schools in England. With effect from Monday 17th May 2021:

Face coverings will no longer be recommended for ... students in classrooms or communal areas, in all schools. Face coverings will also no longer be recommended for staff in classrooms.

This means that students will no longer be required to wear face coverings in classrooms or when moving around the school site. There has been no notification of any change in guidance in relation to travelling on public or school transport. Therefore, until advised otherwise, students should continue to wear face coverings when travelling to and from school on buses.

COVID Testing

Government advice remains that students and school staff should continue to conduct lateral flow tests at home on a twice-weekly basis and to report test results via the government's test and trace service. In the event of a positive test, a PCR test should be booked as soon as possible, and all members of the household should self-isolate until the PCR result is confirmed and, should it be confirmed as positive, for ten days from the date of the initial positive test result. If the PCR test is negative and no other member of the household has tested positive, the household may end its self-isolation and the student may return to school.

Leaving Dates for Years 13 and 11

I would like to congratulate our students in Years 11 and 13 for the exemplary way in which they have conducted themselves during the recent internal assessments that will be used as one of the measures in determining the Centre Assessed Grades for their GCSE, vocational and A Level results. Some students in Years 10 and 12 have also been similarly well-focused upon some GCSE, vocational and AS Level assessments.

Students in Year 13 will be leaving us on Friday 14th May, following a scaled-down Leavers' Breakfast and Leavers' Assembly.

As Year 11 will have completed their final assessments and, to avoid any unintentional disturbance for Year 10 students who will be starting their internal assessments on Friday 21st May, **the decision has been taken for Year 11 students to finish a day earlier than previously announced. Their final day in school will now be on Thursday 20th May, finishing at 3.25pm.** If any parents wish their child to attend school on Friday 21st May, this will be possible - students should attend in full school uniform and will be based in the LRC for the day. At the time of writing, plans are being put in place for our Year 11 Rounders and Cricket teams to play the staff on Thursday 27th May.

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Teaching & Learning and Structure of the School Day for the Remainder of Term

Although COVID restrictions are steadily being eased, with a full lifting of restrictions being aimed for by 21st June under the government's roadmap, some of the structures and procedures that have been in place within Prince Henry's for the past few months will remain in operation for the rest of the Summer Term.

- **Year Group Bubbles will remain in operation.** This is because dismantling the year group bubbles will require a significant re-writing of the whole school timetable at a time when Mrs Thomas's focus is upon writing the timetable that will be in place from September 2021. It will also allow work to proceed with preparing the school site ready for the 2021-22 academic year. However, following the departure of Years 11 and 13, we will be moving Year 10 into The Grove after the half-term break, whilst Year 12 will be able to move their hub from the Gym to the Sixth Form Common Room.
- **Timings of the School Day.** From 7th June, following the departure of Year 11 and Year 13 students, we will be able to revert to our normal timetable structure, with a single break and lunchtime at the same time for all students. A copy of the new timings is available in the COVID Updates area of the website.
- In the interest of fairness to all students and because many of the restrictions will not be lifted until close to the end of term, **no off-site school trips or live events will take place for the remainder of this term.** As previously announced, this includes Activities Day and the Year 11 Prom. However, subject to there being no tightening of restrictions, Induction Days for our incoming Year 9 and 12 cohorts will go ahead, with students spending the day in school.
- **Online versions of some key school events will be replacing the usual 'live' activities,** and further information will be provided in the near future. **These include: the Information Evening for New Year 9 Parents; the Summer Concert; the Art & DT Exhibition; and Speech Day.** Please see the key diary dates below for further information.

Diary Dates Reminder

Friday 14 th May	Year 13 - Final Day
Thursday 20 th May	Year 11 - Final Day
21 st - 28 th May	Year 10 internal assessments
31st May - 4th June	HALF TERM
Monday 7 th June	Term restarts (Week 2)
7 th - 14 th June	Year 9 internal assessments
Tuesday 8 th June	New Year 9 Information Event (online event)
15 th - 28 th June	Year 12 internal assessments
Tuesday 22 nd June	Summer Concert (online event)
Friday 25 th June	Sixth Form Induction Day (in school)
Wednesday 30 th June	New Year 9 Induction Day (in school)
Friday 9 th July	Speech Day (online event)
Friday 16th July	TERM ENDS, 3.25pm
Mon 19 th - Tues 20 th July	TED Days (school closed to students)
Tuesday 10th August	AS/A Level Results & Consultation Day
Wednesday 11th August	A Level Results Consultation Day
Thursday 12th August	GCSE Results & Consultation Day
Friday 13th August	Sixth Form Entry Consultation Day

As ever, I would like to close this latest update by thanking you for your continued support.

Best wishes

Yours sincerely



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