

## Parent Weekly Update - 23 October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week has been difficult for everyone, and I am sure you are all as pleased as we are to get to the half term break.

I apologise for the frequency of my messages to you all during the week, but it is important that I am completely transparent and that we all work together to combat this virus. We have been required to isolate a further group of students today. In summary, and at the time of writing, we have 3 students and 5 members of staff who have tested positive. The links have been difficult to establish, and we have had meetings with Public Health England to discuss each case and any actions required. We are aware that this area has one of the highest infection rates in Central Bedfordshire and children often have no symptoms. So, in school we have made a few changes to our procedures including advising the children to wear face masks, increased cleaning and limiting visitors.

Thank you for all your support and patience during this ever changing landscape, we are hugely grateful to the children, staff and parents/carers. Please may I ask you to **read the important letter from Central Bedfordshire Public Health** department and **the details below on what to do if your child develops symptoms** included in this bulletin regarding the rise in cases in Central Bedfordshire about what we can all do to help.

I really hope you have a restful and healthy break,

**Ian Evason**, *Principal*

### **Week commencing Tuesday 3rd November - Timetable B**

#### **ALL YEARS**

#### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION - CORONAVIRUS**

Central Bedfordshire Public Health Hands, Face, Space letter [click here](#)

**PLEASE NOTIFY THE SCHOOL VIA EMAIL [ETAOFFICE@BESTACADEMIES.ORG.UK](mailto:ETAOFFICE@BESTACADEMIES.ORG.UK) if your child tests positive.**

#### **What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19 during half term**

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they should remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for testing and this can be arranged via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119.

All other household members who remain well, must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble'.

**Further information is available at:** <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill. Household members should not go to work, school or public areas and exercise should be taken within the home.

Household members staying at home for 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community

If you are able, move any vulnerable individuals (such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions) out of your home, to stay with friends or family for the duration of the home isolation period.

### **Symptoms**

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

If your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from the nhs.uk website at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/>. If you are concerned about your child's symptoms, or they are worsening you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://111.nhs.uk/> or by phoning 111.

### **How to stop COVID-19 spreading**

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19

#### **Do**

- **wash your hands** frequently with soap **for at least 20 seconds**, or use hand sanitiser
- **Wear a face covering** correctly when you are required to do so - especially on public transport
- **Keep 2 metres apart** from anyone you do not live with.

### **Further Information**

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

**Food Menus** - Week 2. [Click here](#) to view break and lunch menus.

**Supporting Home Learning** - Please [click here](#) to see our current provision for school closures and isolating students.

**Virtual Meet the Tutor** - On **Monday 2nd November** we will be running our Virtual Meet the Tutor day. Appointments will be available between 11.00am - 18.00pm and will be held via our online parents evening system which can be accessed here - <https://etonburyacademy.schoolcloud.co.uk/> Please take the time to read through the following guidance, which will explain how the appointments will work - <https://support.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/article/801-video-parents-how-to-attend-appointments-over-video-call>

**PSHCE** - [Click here](#) for parental guidance from the Online Safety Alliance regarding Instagram, Snapchat, WhatsApp and TIKTOK.

**Parental Support - Child and Adolescent Emotional Wellbeing Programmes** - [Click here](#) for advice and strategies for support with exam and school pressure. [Click here](#) for support with bereavement.

**PE Lessons** - Students will require football boots after the October half term for their PE lessons.

**Extra-Curricular Clubs** - Clubs have started running. [Click here](#) to view available clubs. You are required to sign your child up using **Epraise** system.

**Science** - We are looking for any empty large water cooler bottles that fit office type water dispensers, we would be most grateful for any kind donations.

**ETONBURY JUNIORS** - Email [ETA-Primary@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:ETA-Primary@bestacademies.org.uk)

**Reading** - At Etonbury we encourage the love of reading at school and home. We have launched the Reading Reward Scheme to celebrate children reading at home again for this academic year. If your child reads at home three or more times a week and you have signed their reading record, they will receive a Star Reader stamp. Once they have collected six stamps, we celebrate their achievement by allowing them to collect a free book to keep.

**Poet visit - Lou Treleven** (a local author) - Lou will be visiting us on **Tuesday 17 November** to inspire some of our children who will be undertaking writing and reading workshops.

Your child is currently reading one of her books in class, if your child wishes to purchase one of Lou's books, please [click here](#) to complete the order form and return back to your child's class teacher by

Monday 9 November or alternatively complete the form online at <https://loutreleaven.com/books/order-form/>

## **UPPER YEARS.**

**Interventions** - If your son/daughter has had intervention this half term you will have received a letter to let you know whether or not they are continuing. These were due to start on the first week back after half term and will now start on the 23rd November.

**Year 10 Citizenship GCSE Letter** - [Click here](#) for information and to complete the return slip via email to [rbaga@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:rbaga@bestacademies.org.uk)

**Year 11 GCSE Maths - Revision over half term** - Students have been given a pack of specimen (practice) maths papers to take home over half term, to help them with their revision for the mock examinations. Solutions will be posted in the Google classroom for each teacher's class.

**Year 11 Mock Exams** - Students will be taking mock exams in all subjects the weeks beginning Monday 9 November and Monday 16 November. Please [click here](#) for an exam information letter and [click here](#) for the mock exams timetable. All students have received their own exam information pack including their exam timetable via their tutor this week.

**Year 11 - Science after school sessions** - Due to high demand, we are now running 2 after school sessions, Monday and Wednesday from 3.30-4.00pm. Both days will cover the same topics. Students must sign up on the sheet found on the door of lab 3 at the beginning of the week. These sessions will help pupils prepare for their mock exams in November.

**Year 11 GCSE Catch-up sessions** - [Click here](#) to view catch-up schedule. These take place after school. Students are asked to contact classroom teachers for more information concerning what is being covered in the sessions.

**Year 11 Combined Science GCSE revision checklist** - In order to help your son/daughter to prepare for their mock exams starting the week of Monday 9 November, please find attached a topic by topic revision list for either the [Foundation Paper](#) or [Higher Paper](#). Students will not have finished the course by this date but will still be examined on a variety of topics to see what their current attainment grade is and all these topics are found in the revision list. This document is also found on Show My Homework and students will have been told in class which tier they will be taking for their mock exams. They will be given 4 papers for combined science, each paper one hour and forty five minutes long. Revision sessions are taking place **every Monday afterschool from 3.30 - 4.00pm in**

**Lab 3** in order to prepare students for their mock exams in both Combined and Triple Science. Students must sign up on the sheet found on the door of Lab 3 every Monday morning.

**Year 11 Combined / Triple GCSE Science revision tips** - If pupils wish to revise using past paper exam questions, they need to follow this link: <https://revisionscience.com/gcse-revision/science/science-gcse-past-papers/ocr-twenty-first-century-gcse-science-past-papers>.

Pupils could use this weblink to gain access to *combined science* revision notes from BBC bitesize: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zt7xfr>

Physics Triple: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zt3gv4j>

Chemistry Triple: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zxy3frd>

Biology Triple: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/z2synbk>

**Year 11 Maths GCSE revision timetable** - To help your son/daughter to prepare for their mock exams starting the week of Monday 9 November, please find attached a 6-week revision schedule for Mathematics, for either the [Foundation tier](#) paper or [Higher tier](#) papers.

Every student has their Mathswatch login and password for [vle.mathswatch.co.uk](http://vle.mathswatch.co.uk)

The video clips cover the entire GCSE course and have been proven to help students to improve their grades. We have issued paper copies of these to students in lessons this week.

**Year 11 GCSE PE students** - [Click here](#) to read the following document on filming students practical moderation. Where possible we will film in school, however due to current PE guidelines we are limited. It can be beneficial to film participants playing at a higher level. Pupils need two sports, these can be team or individual, this is 30% of their overall GCSE grade. Footage can be emailed to [eprior@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:eprior@bestacademies.org.uk) or [cvernon-hamilton@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:cvernon-hamilton@bestacademies.org.uk) this will then be assessed and graded.

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/content/dam/pdf/GCSE/Physical%20Education/2016/Specification%20and%20sample%20assessments/9781446933794-gcse016-l2-pe-ppac.pdf>

## **CAREERS ADVICE**

**Year 10 and 11** - SEMLEP together with Speakers for Schools is hosting three broadcasts to help Years 10 - 13 students, parents and carers understand more information about what careers opportunities there are in the area and what employers look for when recruiting. [Click here](#) for further information.

**Important Year 11 post 16 options** - Year 11 will need to start exploring their post 16 options. For information and advice go to our career page on our [website](#). Please [click here](#) for a list of all schools and colleges within this area together with links to their websites. [Click here](#) for additional information including important dates for Open Days.

**Year 11 student 1:1 career meetings** - these meetings are currently on hold and we will be re-assessing how they are delivered after half term.

### **Open Evenings for Colleges and Sixth Forms**

**Samuel Whitbread Academy** - Sixth Form open evening is Tuesday 17 November - 7.30pm.

[Click here](#) to view the letter.

**North Herts College** - [NHC Virtual Open Event](#) - Virtual open events will take place on 17th,18th and 19th November, 6pm-9pm. Places can be booked at [www.nhc.ac.uk/openevents](http://www.nhc.ac.uk/openevents)

**The Highfield School sixth Form Open Evening** - [Click here](#) to view a letter containing information to attend a Virtual Open Evening on Tuesday 3rd November. If you are interested in finding out more about the school and 6th form, please [click here](#) to take a tour of the school and the departments you are interested in.

**Fearnhill Sixth Form** - Fearnhill Sixth Form will be holding their open evening as a virtual event for Year 11 students on Wednesday 4 November 2020.

The event will have two parts:

A short video which will be made available on the school website at 6.00pm on the day

The video will give an overview of the sixth form and what it has to offer (see if you can spot any former Etonbury students in the video!)

Information from subject teachers about the different courses offered in the sixth via Zoom - 6.20pm-7.15pm

Parents / carers of children currently studying at a school other than Fearnhill should contact [natalie.page10@fearnhill.herts.sch.uk](mailto:natalie.page10@fearnhill.herts.sch.uk) to attend the latter part of the evening. When sending an email please state the name of your child / children and the subjects that you would like to receive information about during the live information meetings.

Below is a link to a short video presented to their students detailing the application process. Although it is designed for internal applicants, it may be of use to you for reference, should any of your students have additional questions.

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/15nK\\_6iJoEqGvHoyl4qaOtfXuBhO\\_n0Cs/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/15nK_6iJoEqGvHoyl4qaOtfXuBhO_n0Cs/view)

**Hills Road Virtual Tour** - [Click here](#) for the Hills Road Guide.

**Everyone is respectful - Together we care - Always aim higher**