

27th March 2021

Dear Parents\Carers,

As we approach the end of the spring term, I do hope you and your family are well, looking forward to the Easter break and eagerly anticipating the loosening of some of the national restrictions that have been in place.

In the final days of term it is always a pleasure to hold our Rewards Assemblies, now on Zoom in the students' classrooms, allowing us to give recognition of the achievements that so many have managed during these weeks, and celebrating the work of all.

As mentioned in my letter last week, we continue to make strides towards normality. During the past week we have seen the return of music instrumental lessons and after-school sports. This weekend we have students in Years 8, 9, 10 and 12 taking part in a virtual Model UN with the American School in London, preparing for our own Model UN conference which we will be running during the second half of the summer term. There has also been the Year 13 exams, and during the coming week, the Year 12 virtual Parents Evening.

We have also seen the start of the home Covid 19 testing programme with students and staff. Those involved will be receiving their test kits for the holiday break during the coming week. The Department for Education has now produced a useful guide to home testing which can be accessed [here](#). Please remember that a positive LFD test taken at home does need to be confirmed by a PCR test, but the school needs to be informed of both so that we are able to take appropriate action. This will apply even during the first part of the Easter holidays. For any positive test please use our Covid hotline (020 8342 7975 or covid@hws.haringey.sch.uk).

Next week we will be running our usual non uniform day on Wednesday 31st March, and will be asking students to donate £1 to the school charities on the day. (They will be asked to drop the coins in the collection buckets at their school entrance in the morning). This year we are also asking students to wear one red item to express their solidarity with the current campaign to stamp out sexual harassment and gender prejudice in the community.

The last day of term, Thursday 1st April, will be a non-uniform day for the students of the House with the most merits. We will announce the winning House on Wednesday. Please be aware that we will be dismissing students for the holidays at lunchtime on Thursday (at 12:30pm for Years 7 to 9, 12:40pm for the older years). As usual, students on Free School Meals will be able to collect a packed lunch before they leave.

With thanks for your continued support.

Regards



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Highgate Wood School Student Council supports individual action to address the issues of Climate Change and promotes the United Nations top 10 recommendations.

