

#### Dear parent/carer,

This week is National Refugee Week and at Hampstead we are celebrating the contributions, creativity and resilience of our refugee families through assemblies and tutor time discussions. Alongside this, we are showcasing the cultural and linguistic diversity of the school with a film made by students from across year groups. It is <u>available here</u> – do watch it if you get the chance.

# Confirmed case update

Over the past five school days we have had four confirmed COVID-19 cases affecting two members of staff and two students. Although reflecting the uptick in cases nationally, these cases also demonstrate the effectiveness of LFD testing and the importance of self-isolation. Three cases were picked up by LFD testing before close contact was made with anyone in school and the fourth developed during self-isolation in response to another confirmed case within the home.

In following LFD testing and self-isolation guidance the affected staff and students effectively minimised risk and prevented transmission within school. We would like to thank the individuals and families involved, and wish all those affected a speedy recovery.

I am sure this will serve as an effective motivation to continue LFD testing on a Wednesday and Sunday evening.

#### Remote Learning

As case numbers continue to rise it may become more likely that your child will have to self-isolate and work remotely from home. We have updated our remote curriculum guide to reflect the changing circumstances; it is included with this mail out and via the school website. Please take time to read it through carefully with your child so that they are aware of expectations should they need to stay at home.



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#### High expectations

Thank you for your support in re-setting expectations as we enter the final half term of the year. Clarity on punctuality, uniform and mobile phones has been welcomed and – along with the warmer weather – has created a really positive, focused atmosphere over the past few days.

### Please remind your child that:

- ➤ They must arrive at school before 0840. Those arriving late will sit a detention at break time.
- > They must wear the correct uniform, including the correct PE kit on their designated PE day.
- Mobile phones and earphones cannot be used on site at any time. If a phone or earphones are seen they will be confiscated.

#### Dates for this term

- Year 11 graduation assembly Monday June 21
- ➤ Sixth Form Induction Programme Wednesday 24 June > Tuesday 6 July
- > Year 7, 8, 9, 10, 12 reports sent home w/b Monday 12 July
- Year 13 graduation assembly Thursday 15 July
- Final day of term Friday 23 July (1200 finish)

## Year 11 and Year 13

As the events listed above suggest, over the next few weeks we will be taking time to congratulate our Year 11 and Year 13 cohorts and wish them well in their next stage of study or employment. Normally we would involve parents/carers in this send off, but changing guidelines means this will not be possible. I would therefore like to take this opportunity to thank all Year 11 and Year 13 families for the support they have shown the school over the past five or seven years. The school, and your children, could not have done it without you.

As always, please do get in touch if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas on how we can support your child more effectively.

Take care and enjoy the rest of the week.

Matthew Sadler Head