



NEWSLETTER • SUMMER TERM ISSUE 29 • 23RD APRIL 2021

Dates For Your Diary

Monday 3 rd May	Bank Holiday
Wednesday 19 th – Thursday 20 th May	Year 7 Parents' Evening 3.45pm – 7.45pm

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope that you and your family had a restful break over Easter. We have enjoyed a calm and focused start to the term, with everyone working hard. Students continue to recognise the importance of the health and safety measures in place but there is a growing feeling of optimism as we continue to make progress out of the pandemic. Home testing and recording is an essential part of the process in keeping the school community safe. It is important that we remain vigilant during what we hope will be the final phase of fighting Covid-19. We are expecting the Government to provide guidance as restrictions may be lifted during the term, but we will be making a full review of our risk assessment before any alterations are made to our provision.

The support across our entire school community has provided an environment that allows our students to make progress quickly and all the early signs this week indicate a strong focus on learning. Students in both year groups are approaching important end of year assessments and we have been really pleased with the efforts of our students to date. I am also delighted that we have been able to offer extra-curricular clubs in a variety of areas, and attendance so far has been high.

Although there is some way to go in overcoming the impact of the pandemic, we are making every effort to safely return to a learning experience that reflects normality and structure for our students. We are currently evaluating the content and impact of our provision during lockdown and would appreciate it if you would help us in this process by completing our Parent / Carer Survey, the results of which will be used to plan future provision in the event of another lockdown. To complete the survey, please [click here](#).

I would like to thank members of our local community who have written to me to comment on the excellent behaviour and good manners of our students. It confirms the fact that our students are a credit to us all and make us incredibly proud.

Thank you for your continued support. Take care and stay safe.

Mrs CA Moffat
Headteacher

Summer Term Curriculum Overview

You can now find our latest Curriculum Overviews [here](#) on our website. These documents provide information on the topics and content being studied in each area, key vocabulary, key questions and some super-curricular suggestions for taking learning further.

We hope these are useful as they provide an insight into what your child is studying, to spark conversation and hopefully extend their learning beyond the school day.

Mrs Steele

Water in School

As we begin the summer term and the weather becomes warmer, please ensure that your child brings an adequate supply of water to school for the day. Due to Covid restrictions water fountains are not in use and it is therefore more difficult for students to refill their bottles.

Thank you for your support.

Pastoral Teams

Uniform Donations

We would ideally like to expand our spare uniform supply for loan to students, and would therefore be grateful to receive any donations of uniform that your child has outgrown or no longer needs.

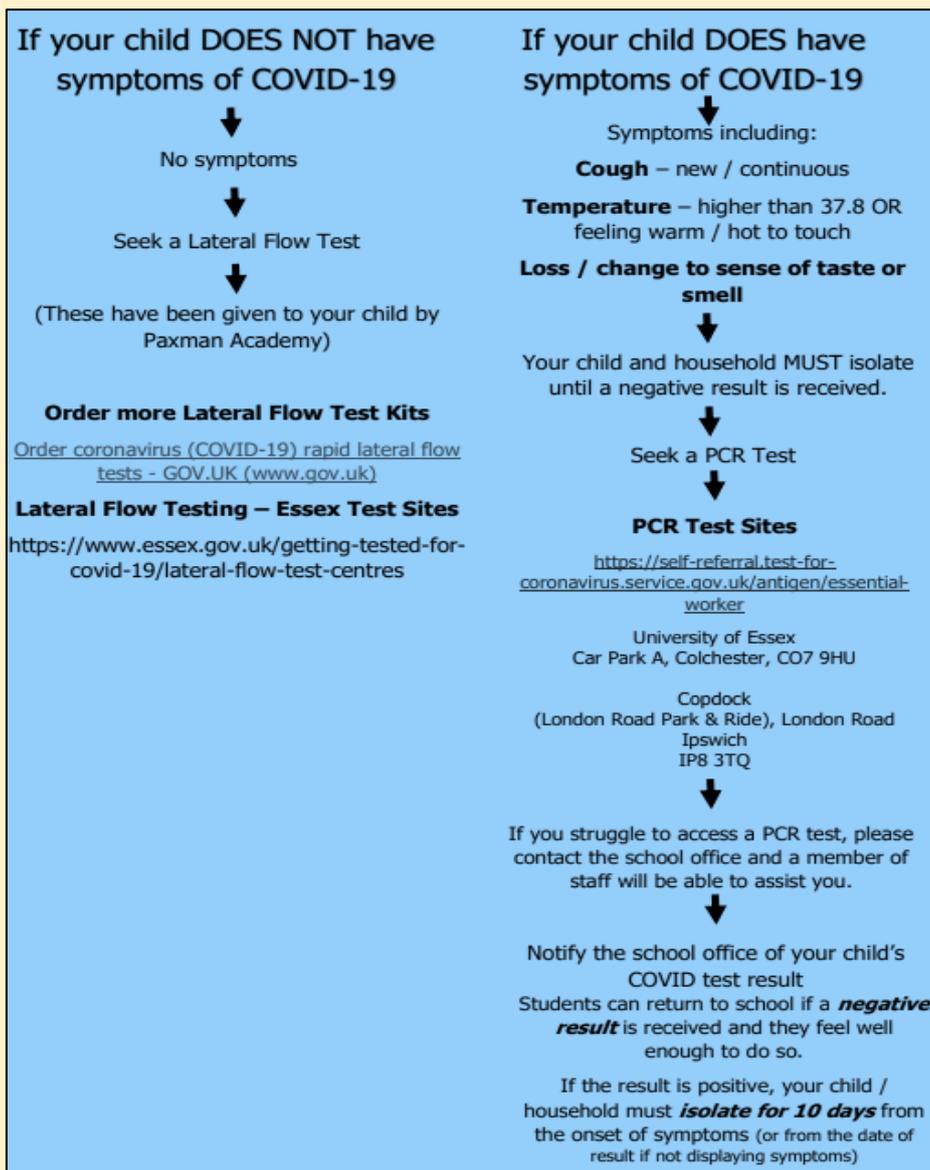
If you are able to help, please ask your son / daughter to hand donations to the relevant pastoral office.

Thank you.

Mrs Rayner / Miss Smith

Procedure for Covid-19 Testing / Absence

Please be reminded that if you report student absence and cite any of the main symptoms of Covid-19, your son/daughter will be required to take a PCR test and isolate until they have received a negative result. Lateral Flow Tests must only be used when the student is asymptomatic, ie, not displaying any Covid-19 symptoms. Please refer to the chart below for further clarification.



Music Clubs

We are proud to offer our Year 8 students an opportunity to be part of our music and performing arts clubs. We are now running four lunchtime clubs to enable participation in a variety of activities tailored to suit students' taste.

In Guitar Club, students will be learning guitar technique while playing the greatest guitar tunes of all time and perhaps become the new Oasis! During Musical Theatre, students will sing the most iconic tunes, from Broadway to the West End. Our Drama club is a fun way to work on confidence, self-esteem and the art form of acting, using improvisation and drama games to find the inner actor or even just to meet some fellow minded friends. Finally, an ensemble of voices will enjoy singing pop chart hits and Tik Tok tunes in Voice Squad, working on harmonies and solos to then perform for others.

These clubs are an opportunity for your child to socialise, make friends and boost their confidence while sharing a common passion for music and the performing arts.

Mr Damigella

Support



If you find yourself in need of some help this winter, the Essential Living Fund can help pay for heating, electricity, water and food. We can also help you get essential household items like a fridge, cooker or table.

To get a grant you must

- Live in Essex, Southend or Thurrock
- Be aged over 16

How to apply

Check if this applies to you.

Visit www.southend.gov.uk/elfforessex

Or if you are vulnerable or have no access to the internet you can call 0300 7900124 (between 8:45am - 5:00pm).

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Support for all from the **Essex Wellbeing Service**

The Essex Wellbeing Service are here to support families across Essex with a variety of information, advice, guidance, and support across a range of health, wellbeing and day to day needs.

Contact 0300 303 998 or visit www.essexwellbeingsservice.co.uk for more information.


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Extra-Curricular Clubs Timetables

YEAR 7 CLUBS	LUNCHTIME 1.25 - 2.00PM	AFTER SCHOOL 3.00 - 4.00PM
MONDAY		STEM - Room 113 Netball - Courts Homework - Room 012
TUESDAY	Badminton - Sports Hall	 Makerspace - Room 015 History - Room 006 Football (Boys) - Field Homework - Room 012
WEDNESDAY	Art - Room 010 Table Tennis - Sports Hall	Sign Language - Drama Studio Rounders - Field Homework - Room 012
THURSDAY		Homework - Room 012
FRIDAY	 Board Games - Room 006	Creative Writing - Room 007 Homework - 012 

YEAR 8 CLUBS	LUNCHTIME 1.25 - 2.00PM	AFTER SCHOOL 3.00 - 4.00PM
MONDAY	Art - Room 010 Guitar - Music Room	Makerspace - Room 015 Sign Language - The Zone STEM - Room 113 Homework - Room 012 
TUESDAY	Musical Theatre - Music Room 	History - Room 104 Homework - Room 012
WEDNESDAY	Drama Group - Drama Studio Table Tennis - Sports Hall	Rounders - Field Homework - Room 012
THURSDAY	 Literature Society - Room 102 Netball - Sports Hall	Football - Field Homework - Room 012
FRIDAY	Voice Squad (Pop Choir) - Music Room Dance - Drama Studio Badminton - Sports Hall	Homework - Room 012

Please note that STEM club runs fortnightly and your child should check with Mr Newman, should they wish to attend.



PAID INTERNSHIP – FOUR WEEKS STARTING MONDAY 21st JUNE 2021

Professional Learning Network (PLN), in partnership with schools in Essex would like to bring to your attention some outstanding paid STEM Internship opportunities which may be of interest to you.

We are offering undergraduates (in Maths, Physics or related Degrees) an opportunity to join our fifth cohort of paid Internships.

Earning £1200 for a four week internship beginning on Monday 21st June, the internship is an excellent opportunity:

- To gain experience working in a teaching environment within a school.
- To develop knowledge, interpersonal, organisational skills and understanding which will support an application into initial teacher training, leading to a career in teaching

The internship includes:

- Observing and supporting teachers during lessons
- Leading 1:1 tuition and small group work with students
 - Training and support from a school based mentor.
 - Carrying out a research project.
- Support of extra-curricular trips, visits and enhancements as appropriate

We are able to offer career advice, guaranteed interviews and advice on how to access tax free bursaries, scholarships and early career payments of up to £36K for those who want to become teachers.

If you haven't yet considered teaching as a career, the programme offers undergraduates the opportunity to develop communication, organisation and planning skills that will be beneficial for many careers and enhance your CV.

For more information about our Maths and Physics internships or for an application form please contact:

Verity Boreham E: vboreham@lyonshall.org.uk T: 07833472639 or visit our website www.prolearnnet.com



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Football in the Community



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Please pre-book your **FREE** place via our Official Soccer Schools website

FREE football sessions for young people aged between 8 and 16 at local venues.

The aim of our project is to engage with young people who at the times of our sessions may well not be able to access the facilities to enjoy sport and all the social and well-being benefit it brings with it.

As well as football we will be participating in a number of different workshops which will help to raise awareness and help educate our young people around the current issues there may well be within our community.

VENUE	DAY	AGE	TIME
Grove Park, Tiptree CO5 0JL	Mondays	8-16	18:30 - 19:30
Clacton Leisure Centre, Vista Road CO15 6DP	Wednesdays	8-16	17:00 - 18:00
Harwich and Dovercourt Lifestyles Bay, Low Road CO12 3TA	Thursdays	8-16	18:30 - 19:30
Phillip Road, Wivenhoe CO7 9BA	Thursdays	8-16	18:45 - 19:45
Shrub End Community Sports Centre CO2 9BG	Fridays	11-16	20:00 - 21:00
Brooklands Gardens, Jaywick CO15 2JP	Saturdays	8-16	11:30 - 12:30

Pre-book your free place via our Official Soccer Schools website at officialsoccerschools.co.uk/colchesterunited



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