

Thursday 1st April 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: The Easter break has arrived!

19 school days ago we opened our doors and welcomed students back to onsite learning. They have flown by, and in that time it's been a delight to see how so many students have responded to the challenge of falling back into positive routines for learning. Thank you so much for your support in making this transition back to Oak as successful as we had hoped. Students have worked well and are in a strong position to continue with their studies when we return after Easter.

Year 11 in particular have returned with a positive 'can do' attitude towards their GCSE assessments, which have started well and will continue over the coming weeks.

I was also delighted to read the Echo's coverage of our recent Ofsted Visit and hope that it put a smile on your face too – it's wonderful to have local recognition of the fantastic achievements we've secured by working together.

With that in mind, the following reminders will be helpful in ensuring a positive and productive start to next term:

Uniform – full academy uniform must be worn. Items that are too small should be replaced. Blazers, ties, bags and PE tops can be ordered through Brigade: www.brigade.uk.com Other items are readily available on the high street or in supermarkets.

Mobile Phones and Headphones – I know that mobile phones have been a valuable resource during remote learning, but many students have struggled to pull themselves away from screens during the day. We've worked with students over the last 19 days and when we return will expect that mobiles and headphones are kept in student bags when they are onsite. Staff will be monitoring this closely and equipment may be confiscated where expectations are not followed.

Home Testing over Easter – students should continue to home-test for Covid twice a week over Easter, reporting the results in the usual way. A test should be taken on Sunday 18th April, prior to the return on Monday.

If at any time over the Easter period your child gets a positive result, as well as reporting it as usual online, please can you email OAKSLT@leaf.bournemouth.sch.uk, ensure you request a PCR test and isolate as a family.

It's been an absolute pleasure reconnecting with students 'in the real world' over the last few weeks and we're looking forward to further learning and success when we return after Easter. Our ongoing close relationship with families will build on current momentum and continue to keep learning and education at the heart of what we do.

Wishing you all a peaceful and positive Easter break.

Yours sincerely,



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