



Spalding High School



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Spring is definitely in everyone's steps this week with Easter just around the corner and some glorious weather to be enjoyed. Students are making the most of the outside space, picnic benches and field which is lovely to see; let's hope the good weather continues through the holiday break and into the summer term. Spirits seem to be lifting which is hopefully something we can all enjoy. Thank you to students, parents and carers for your continued support and I wish you all a Happy Easter and a restful holiday.

COVID-19 Home Testing over the Easter Holidays

Y7-13 need to complete home testing twice a week over the Easter Holiday. Please follow the schedule below and report your result to both the NHS website (P15 of your booklet) and your Teams assignment which will be set for each test performed. All students MUST complete their test, their assignment and report to the NHS on the set days below.

YEAR	DAY & DATE	DAY & DATE	DAY & DATE	DAY & DATE	DAY & DATE
Y7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13	Sunday 4 th April	Wednesday 7 th April	Sunday 11 th April	Wednesday 14 th April	Sunday 18 th April

Even though students are not in school it is vital that they continue to home test on the set dates and submit their results to **both** Teams and the NHS. The NHS use this data to track the number of tests being completed and the distribution and prevalence of Covid-19 within local communities, thereby providing a detailed picture of the virus at local level. Submitting the results to the official NHS website also shows that the students at our School are testing and so assists in an accurate measure of how many tests our School is completing.

Break time Canteen Rota after the Easter Holiday

After Easter, two year groups will be able to use the canteen at break time every day but must stick to their allocated time slots to enable the year group bubbles to remain separate. Form Tutors have the new rota, timings and instructions. The Sixth Form can continue to use the canteen for the first five minute slot every day at break time.

Monday Y7 (10.20am) and Y9 (10.25am)

Tuesday Y8 (10.20am) and Y10 (10.25am)

Wednesday Y9 (10.20am) and Y11 (10.25am)

Thursday Y10 (11.05am) and Y7 (11.10am)

Friday Y11 (11.05am) and Y8 (11.10am)

Reporting Positive Covid Cases over the Easter Holiday

As per last week's Bulletin, please continue to notify the School of positive student cases over the Easter Holiday. We sent home detailed information with last week's bulletin and the document remains on the School website homepage – "Easter Parental Notification Information".

Government Update to Positive LFD Tests

On Tuesday 30th the Government notified schools of the following change to POSITIVE LFD tests, whether they are taken at home or in the test room at School. Previously, tests taken at school did not require a confirmatory PCR test as well. **This has now changed.** We have amended our Covid FAQ to reflect this.

“From tomorrow (Wednesday 31st March), NHS Test and Trace is reintroducing confirmatory PCR testing for positive LFD tests conducted at all assisted testing sites, including schools and colleges. This means that all staff, pupils and students who get a positive LFD test, whether at home or supervised at their school or college, should get a confirmatory PCR. The PCR test should be booked immediately either online or by calling 119 and should be undertaken within 2 days.

Staff, students and pupils who had a positive LFD test result, and their close contacts and other members of their household, should self-isolate immediately in line with NHS Test and Trace guidance and while awaiting the PCR result. If the PCR test is negative, it overrides the LFD test and the staff member, pupil or student can return to school or college, and their close contacts can end their self-isolation.”

Careers Update

As we approach the Easter holidays, I would like to thank all the current and former students who have contributed their articles for the weekly bulletin. If any students complete online masterclasses, courses or work experience during the next two weeks I would love to receive their feedback. If they are happy for me to share the feedback that would be much appreciated too.

May I also remind you that we are now working with the education charity Future First to reconnect with our former students. Our alumni can support us in many ways, as career role models, mentors, fundraisers, curriculum volunteers and more. If you have a child who is a former student or if you or someone you know would like to join as a friend or supporter of our school, please see the details on the attached flyer. We hope to build a large platform of alumni, friends and supporters over the coming months. We are very proud of all our students and their achievements and see this as a very positive step towards maintaining links after students have left the school.

Current Year 11 and 13 students will be invited to sign up before the end of the academic year.



Alumni Articles (see attachment)

This week's alumni article is written by Molly Smith who left the High School in 2018. Molly explains how she found her job and how much she is enjoying it.

Support:

As always, we can be contacted by email if parents or students in any year group have any queries:

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