

26 March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

I have also recorded a brief message summarising the content of the letter ([here](#)) but I know, from feedback, that some of you appreciate the information in writing too.

Thank you for all your support over the last term. It seems like a long time ago that I recorded my first message to you all and it would have been hard to anticipate the events of the last three months. I am reassured that those early impressions of the QE community as supportive have held true. This has been particularly true over the last four weeks following the death of Chris Scott. It is therefore no surprise that we have already raised £1,480 (£1,792 including gift aid) for Mr. Scott's memorial fund. If you would like to donate please go to www.virginmoneygiving.com/fund/ChrisScottMemorial.

End of Term Update

Asymptomatic testing and contact tracing

Your child should have been issued with their LFD testing kits for during the holidays. Please make sure that your child continues to test on a Sunday and Wednesday. It is also very important that they carry out a test prior to returning on the 12th April. You should register the result with the NHS but also notify the school if it is positive via admin@qehs.net. You should also complete this [form](#) if it is negative, positive or inconclusive. You should also follow up with a PCR test to confirm a positive LFD test taken at home.

Furthermore, if your child tests positive for COVID (on a PCR test) between finishing school on Friday and Thursday 1st April, you should email admin@qehs.net to enable us to contact trace.

Y11 and Y13 leaving dates

Our current plan is that after their assessment weeks, students in y11 and y13, will focus on progression for their next steps and they will finish school at the end of half term (Friday 28th May). However, I am cautious that the DFE may issue a directive that is counter to this position. Therefore, our plan A is that students in y11 and y13 finish at half term but we are mindful this could change.

Y10 & Y11 student email accounts

Student email accounts are currently suspended across Year 10 and Year 11. We are working to bring these back online as soon as possible, but they will not be available until after the holidays. Students can still use their school Teams account to access their class Teams sites, where they will find materials provided by their class teacher.

3G pitch

We are delighted that we are now able to begin using the 3G pitch for PE lessons. Alongside this letter, there is a note from the PE department showing what footwear is suitable for the use on the 3G pitch.

PE Kit

As indicated in my letter last Friday, students should no longer come to school in PE kit. They will be able to use the changing rooms to get ready for PE. Please help by giving your support in ensuring that all students are in the appropriate uniform. <https://www.gehs.net/index.php/school-uniform/>.

Once again, thank you for all your continuing support and Happy Easter.

Yours faithfully

Neil Seaton

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "N Seaton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'N' and a long, sweeping underline.

Head of School