



PARENT BULLETIN

FRIDAY 12TH MARCH 2021

COVID Testing

Staff have done an incredible job completing over 2,000 COVID tests of students this week (with no positives) and we are very proud of how students conducted themselves during this process. Most students will now have collected their 2 Home Testing Kits containing 6 tests which will enable them to test twice weekly for the remainder of the term. Year 8 students will be given their second kit next week. Students also received a separate instructions booklet as the one provided in the pack is not accurate. Staff and students are strongly encouraged by DfE to test twice weekly but it remains voluntary and if you have had a positive COVID test in the last 90 days it is not recommended that you take a test as it is likely you will get a false positive result. If you have opted out of testing and your consent status changes, please let us know so that we can provide Home Testing Kits.

Please follow the instructions in the '*Your step-by-step guide for COVID-19 self-testing*' booklet carefully and **ensure you report your child's result to the NHS** (information on how to do this is on Page 15 in the instructions booklet). Children under 12 should be tested by an adult and students aged 12-17 should self-test and report with adult supervision. Where possible, please test on a Sunday and Wednesday evening and inform us via the absence line or info@marshacademy.org.uk immediately if your test reads positive. In the case of a positive test you must isolate and book a PCR test and send us your result. If your test indicates it is void, please carry out another test and if it still shows void let us know. Thank you for your continued support.

WEEK A

Please remind students that next week is Week A and so they should be following their Week A timetable. On days when students have PE and Dance they should wear their kit to the Academy, when they do not have either of these subjects, they should be in full Academy uniform.

Years 10 and 12 Assessment Week

Years 10 and 12 Assessment Week will run from Monday 15th March until Friday 19th March. Assessments will go through a marking and moderation process with results being reported to you at the beginning of Term 5.

Year 11 Parents' Evening

Year 11 Parents' Evening will be held on Wednesday 31st March, via video link, from 3.00pm to 7.00pm. We are continuing with our online booking system to enable parents to book their appointments and you will shortly be sent instructions on how to do this. We very much hope that you will be able to attend the video appointments to discuss your child's progress with their teachers and ask that you ensure your child attends with you. This will be prior to their formal assessment after Easter but please understand that teachers will not be able to discuss Teacher Assessed Grades (TAGs) in the meeting.

Year 11 Revision

There will be Science Revision for Year 11 on Tuesday 16th March from 3.15pm-4pm. Transport will be available for those students who get the Hamstreet/Aldington bus.

Accessing Remote Learning

Students who cannot attend the Academy due to self-isolation and/or shielding should continue to access their lessons remotely through Satchel: One. They should follow their normal Academy timetable, accessing their lessons daily and uploading completed work for their teacher to review. Lessons/lesson resources and support materials will be uploaded daily for your child to access in line with what is being delivered to students who remain in the building.

Understanding a Child's Digital World – Event, Tuesday 16th March 2021, 1800

Counter Terrorism Policing East Midlands are [hosting a free online event](#) to encourage parents and professionals to talk to children about online safety. This session serves as an introduction to understanding the digital world and what risks are present for children. The event will be interactive, open to everyone with questions encouraged – please join and circulate to anyone else who may be interested.

Missed HPV Vaccination Catch-up

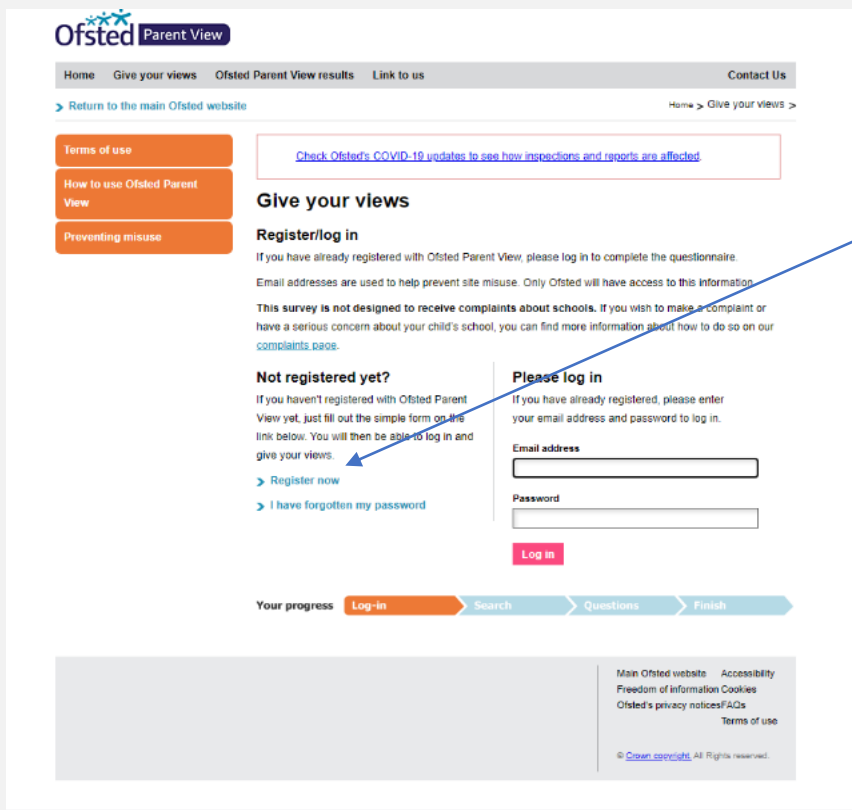
Do you have a child in Year 8 or Year 9 that has missed having their HPV vaccination in school? The Kent and Medway Immunisation Service are running community catch up clinics during the school holidays. Please call 0300 123 5205 or email the imms hub on kchft.cyp-immunisationteam@nhs.net to book an appointment.



Ofsted Parent View

Thank you for your positive emails and continued support of the Academy. Thank you also to those of you who have already completed the Ofsted Parent View survey, if you have not done this, it takes only a few minutes and would be very much appreciated. If you have not registered before, you will be required to register your email address first, please see instructions below:

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=/give-your-views>



Register your email by clicking here, you can log on.

Equipment Reminder/Classwork Books

To ensure students have the best possible start back to the Academy, I would ask that you support them over the weekend to get organised for their return. Students should pack their school bags according to their timetable with all of their necessary classwork books and resources. As a reminder, please see equipment checklist below:

- Two Pens
- Pencil
- Rubber
- Ruler
- Sharpener
- Calculator
- Glue Stick

Diary Dates

Wednesday 31st March 2021 – Year 11 Parents' Evening
Thursday 1st April – Last day of Term 4 Non-uniform day

TIMETABLE WEEKS TERM 4 2020/2021	
Week Beginning Monday 15 th March 2021	Week A
Week Beginning Monday 22 nd March 2021	Week B
Week Beginning Monday 29 th March 2021	Week A