



Haydock High School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Many thanks for your support during this very unusual and challenging autumn half term. We are very pleased how the students have managed themselves and shown wonderful resilience and maturity over the past 7 weeks, while they learn new systems and return to face to face lessons.

Unfortunately, we have had three unrelated positive student cases, which have not spread to the wider school community. This has therefore resulted in a small proportion of students isolating. We are working closely with Public Health England (PHE) and we all must continue with our social responsibility to protect ourselves and each other.

Face Coverings

The vast majority of students have been compliant in wearing their face masks this half term. As the term continues, please continue to re-iterate to your child the importance of wearing these coverings in communal areas in school; this is an essential part of continuing to ensure that members of our community remain as safe as possible. Students need to ensure that as they stand to move to another area of school that they routinely put on their face covering until they are either outdoors, sitting down to eat their lunch or seated in a classroom.

Summer Exams

There has been a significant amount press coverage about the 2021 summer exams, and we anticipate this will continue throughout the year. The Government has confirmed that GCSE exams are continuing this summer, but they are being delayed by a few weeks starting 7th June. We are confident that with good effort, use of all the additional support like the Period 6 lessons and Saturday mornings, our students will be ready to succeed this summer. However, it is not just what is happening at school that is important; a good structure at home is required where students are using their time effectively with their self-study and homework in all years, not just in Year 11.

Saying this, things could change and there has never been a more important year for students to show their effort in class, homework and, of course, in assessments and internal exams. Year 11 have shown determination, hard work and resilience during this half term which we are sure will continue as the year progresses. They certainly deserve a rest during the half term break.

Good News

We are pleased to announce that yet again the overwhelming majority of our students have been wonderfully behaved this half term. The average ATL within the school community has been the highest it has been since this system has been in place; we are immensely proud of the students for the attitudes they have shown during this time.

Safety

With the daylight hours becoming shorter, the clocks changing and the upcoming Halloween and Bonfire nights it is an appropriate time to mention safety. Please ensure you know



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where your children are, who they are with, they are safe and following the legal requirements for COVID Tier 3.

We wish you are safe and restful half term and as always, if there is anything, we can do to help your child or your family then please do get in touch via the school office at info@haydockhigh.sthelens.org.uk or pabram@haydockhigh.sthelens.org.uk

Yours sincerely,

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