

29th March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to you with information about the end of term arrangements, Year 11 Easter School and formal assessments, contact tracing for Easter and an update on home testing.

Year 11 Easter School and Formal Assessments (w/b 19th April):

Parents of Year 11 will have been contacted in the last week to ask if they wish their child to take part in the Easter school sessions we are putting on between Tuesday 6th and Friday 9th April. These are being put on to provide students with the opportunity to continue the work they are doing towards their GCSE grades. As you will be aware we are required to provide evidence of student's grades before they are allocated this summer and the Easter school gives an opportunity to support students in creating the evidence. It will also allow us to help them prepare for a formal assessment in the week beginning 19th April. This assessment will take place under exam conditions and will allow us to better understand students' knowledge in each subject and what they need to do over the remainder of the summer term to secure the grades that reflect their ability and effort. We are due to submit grade information by the 18th June but at this point we are unclear as to when Year 11 will be officially finishing their time at EBN and will confirm this with you in due course.

The timings for the Easter School sessions are:

Tuesday 6 th April	9.00am-1.30pm
Wednesday 7 th April	9.00am-1.30pm
Thursday 8 th April	9.00am-1.30pm
Friday 9 th April	9.00am-12.30pm

If you have not already confirmed if your child will or will not be attending the Easter school please can you contact the school directly to let us know.

COVID contact tracing over the Easter Holidays:

Despite the easing of some restrictions in the past month, schools are still experiencing positive cases of COVID-19. With this in mind please can you contact myself on mbaldwin@ebnfs.org or 07803210275 if you child tests positive for COVID-19 between Friday 2nd April and Monday 5th April. This will allow us to undertake any contact tracing required so that we can ensure any close contacts are advised to self-isolate. In addition if you child tests positive for COVID-19 before the school re-opens on Monday 19th April, and they are still within the self-isolation period, please ensure they do not attend school until that time has expired.

Home Testing Kits:

Those students whose parent provided consent for their child to be tested for COVID-19 at school, will now have nearly used all of this initial testing supply we provided earlier this term. During this week we are arranging for those students to be provided with a further supply of testing kits so that they can continue twice weekly testing. This is a very important process which helps us to increase the COVID security measure for the Academy. If you have not already consented for your child to take these tests but wish for them to do so, please make contact with the Academy. We continue to encourage everyone to take part in regular Covid-19 testing.

School Uniform:

Please can I take this opportunity to remind you of the schools uniform requirements. We appreciate that with the closure of shops it may have been challenging for some parents to ensure their child has the correct footwear but this issue should be resolved with the planned opening of shops in mid-April.

School Uniform:

Black EBN sweatshirt

Purple EBN Polo shirt

Black school trousers or black school skirt

Solid black footwear – trainers are permitted but they must be completely black.

Key School Dates:

- Thursday 1st April – school closes for Easter holidays (12.30pm for Year 9/1.30pm for Year 10 and 11)
- Tuesday 6th - Friday 9th April – Year 11 Easter school
- Monday 19th April – school re-opens for the summer term (8.30am start for all students)
- W/b 19th April – Year 11 Formal Assessment week
- Monday 3rd May – early summer bank holiday (school closed to all students)
- Friday 28th May – school closes for Whitsun Half Term

Finally can I thank all parents/carers for their support over the last few months and wish you all a peaceful and happy Easter holiday. We have really enjoyed welcoming all students back to school over the past month and have been incredibly proud of how the students have conducted themselves on their return.

Yours sincerely



Mr Matthew Baldwin
Executive Head Teacher