

## Headteacher's Comment:

I would like to thank our pupils, parents/carers and staff this week for the overwhelmingly positive compliance of our lateral flow testing, wearing of facemasks and the return to face-to-face schooling. It has been a pleasure to see our pupils eager to see their friends and teachers, and throw themselves back into their learning. I know that it has proved more challenging for some families, and I encourage those pupils to speak with the year team to discuss any further support that can be offered.

Year leaders held assemblies this week, talking to pupils of the health and safety protocols needed to keep our community safe. Pupils have been reminded that; masks must be worn whilst in classrooms (and how to wear them to maximum effect), to wash their hands thoroughly and use the hand sanitiser provided, and to retain social distance where possible. Modern air circulation units pull fresh air into the new build rooms, and classroom windows and doors will be open during the day in the main school. Pupils are permitted to wear a black V-neck jumper under their blazer to keep warm. In keeping with our uniform policy, the wearing of hoodies is not permitted inside the school gates. Along with the strict uniform and make-up policy, pupils were reminded the 'not seen and not heard' mobile phone policy continues.

## Options

Year 9 pupils are choosing their Options via an on-line system and are reminded of the Monday 22 March deadline. To continue with the Chase commitment to provide pupils with the strong academic background needed to give them the competitive edge in their future career choices, the Key Stage 4 curriculum has been redesigned to focus on Ebacc subjects. Pupils who would like to discuss which options would best suit their career choice, can contact Wendy Krusche, Head of Careers on [wendy.krusche@chasehigh.org](mailto:wendy.krusche@chasehigh.org)

We will be holding our Year 9 virtual parent consultations on Thursday 18 March, the booking system is now open. Please contact Mr. Clark, Year 9 administrator, if you are having difficulties booking appointments.

## Well-being workshops

To support our pupil's well-being in the return to school, from Monday 15 March they will be joining a workshop run by Trust Links Limited. The workshop will be an hour a week over 5 weeks. All pupils need to complete an online survey before the roadshow about their mental health. Please use this hyperlink for your child to complete the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/MK6SJQV>

## Dates for your Diary:

18.03.2021 3.30pm – 6.30pm Year 9 Virtual parents consultations

19.03.2021 Non-uniform day, donations will be split between East Anglia's Children's Hospices and Little Haven's Hospice

26.03.2021 All year groups virtual honours assemblies

26.03.2021 School closes to pupils at 1.20pm

12.04.2021 School opens to pupils at 8.20am

