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Dear parent / carers

It has been great to see all the students back in the Academy with their smiling faces and hard work these past few weeks. We are enjoying reconnecting them with their learning.

We believe in a caring and nurturing environment, encouraging lifelong learning and producing a community that is 'Happy, Successful and Confident.' If all of our students can follow these three principles while teachers do the hard work of assessing learning and reshaping the curriculum, we will get everyone on track.

Attendance has been exemplary, well above the Peterborough average and we thank you for your support. There are well established links between good school attendance and successful learning and progress. Being back in classrooms makes these things much easier than when we were online. Students can more easily seek help and teachers can more easily assess for misunderstandings or gaps in knowledge. They now need to take advantage of this. Our students have endured enough disruption to their learning over the last year. Hopefully we are nearly at the end of it (famous last words).

Thank you for your support and donations for Red Nose Day, we achieved an amazing 125% of our target with your help. We understand this is a very difficult time for some of our families, some of whom have benefited by the continued charity work of Mr Schofield and our food parcels, it is also important to remember that these charities still require our support.

Pictured here are sixth form students who have organised a charity event in the Academy today raising awareness for 'Refuge' the women's domestic abuse charity. Students have also fully engaged in discussions and presentations regarding the Safer Streets Campaign.

Our student 'Lockdown Heroes' have been gifted Easter Eggs by their year team. These students were rewarded for their hard work and effort regarding online learning during lockdown.

Students and staff also observed a minute's silence to remember the Covid-19 victims organised by the charity Marie Curie.



Y11 & Y13

We understand the difficulties all our students have faced over the past year, especially year 11 and year 13. We wanted to give you some information regarding how grades are being awarded this summer.

'The national process defined by the Department for Education and the exams' regulator, Ofqual is as follows:

- *Departments will submit grades which will be quality assured by the school. This internal quality assurance process will have to be signed off by the exam board to ensure it is rigorous and in line with national standards.*
- *Our school results will be quality assured externally by the exam boards, which may include random sampling of our school's evidence.*

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- *If the exam boards are confident in our submitted results, then the exam boards will award students their final grades.*
- *If students do not think their results are accurate, they will have the right to appeal.'*

Careers Week

Our students enjoyed celebrating National Careers Week at the beginning of March. The aim was to provide a focus for careers guidance activity at an important stage in the academic calendar to help support young people leaving education. We thank Mrs Charles, the Academy's careers lead for organising. Please continue to look on our website for updates.

Testing over Easter

Students have been provided with Home Testing Kits to enable testing to continue over the Easter period. Results of the tests need to be reported to [NHS Test & Trace](#) and Stanground Academy, regardless of the result (positive, negative, or void). The Academy should be informed via the MS Form here: [Microsoft Form](#).

Our phone lines and offices are closed over Easter. If you need to contact us, please use the contact form on the website so that we can direct your enquiry accordingly when we return on the 12 April. Please be aware emails to the enquiry email box are not checked regularly during our closure periods. You can access our Parent Bulletin [here](#) for the latest news and information.

Year 9 Options

Thank you for your support in providing choices for your son or daughter. Please rest assured we are working hard to ensure your child gets to study their preferred options and we will be writing to all parents following the Easter break with an update.

Free school meal vouchers - Winter Support Grant

Vouchers for the Easter period will be allocated to families via Wonde. Please check here for [frequently asked questions](#). PCC will be responding to emails at winter.support@cambridgeshire.gov.uk. They are not able to fund any further vouchers for new applicants after this time.

We will continue to support our students over the coming months, knowing it will take a little while to adjust to the demands and pace of school life again.

Please enjoy a restful and relaxing Easter break.

Yours faithfully



Gary Carlile Principal

