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Dear Parents and Carers.

School News and Information

Student Leadership Opportunities

This week our Year 10 pupils have been invited to submit applications to be part of the Student Leadership Team. This group is of great importance and has significant responsibility within the school. Successful applicants will be an integral part of the school community, making a difference and supporting the future development of the school.

Any Year 10 pupil wanting to apply need to submit a short letter of application. More information is available on ClassCharts. Applications can be uploaded directly to ClassCharts or handed to Mr Devlin or Mrs Neal. The deadline for applications is Thursday 27th May.

Online Safety and Gaming

Some parents have requested support around the topic of 'online safety and gaming'. We have attached some information from Childnet International that we hope you will find useful. This topic is covered and discussed with our students as part of our PSHCE programme.

Intervention and Booster Classes

Our students continue to work hard in their lessons. We can see the ongoing improvements in their knowledge, skills and understanding. We have identified students who need extra support and have developed programmes to help build their confidence. Our specialist teachers in English and Maths are delivering these intervention and booster sessions. Teachers are very impressed with the hard work and positive attitude of our students!

"Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference." – Winston Churchill

<u>Covid-19 DFE Information:</u> As part of our ongoing risk assessment, we are required to remind parents/carers of the following instructions from the DFE and Public Health:

Individuals who are required to self-isolate must not attend school.

Anybody contacted by NHS Test and Trace or local health protection team and told to self-isolate because they have been a close contact of a positive case, has a legal obligation to do so.

Pupils, staff and other adults must not come into the school if:

- they have one or more coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms
- a member of their household (including someone in their <u>support bubble</u> or <u>childcare</u> <u>bubble</u> if they have one) has coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms
- they are legally required to <u>quarantine</u>, <u>having recently visited countries outside the</u>
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- they have had a positive test
- have been in close contact with someone who tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19)

School makes everyone onsite or visiting aware that they must immediately cease to attend and not attend for at least 10 days from the day after:

- the start of their symptoms
- the test date if they did not have any symptoms but have had a positive LFD or PCR test (if an LFD test is taken first, and a PCR test is then taken within 2 days of the positive lateral flow test, and is negative, it overrides the LFD test and the pupil can return to school)

The pupil or staff member who tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) can return to their normal routine and stop self-isolating after they have finished their isolation period and their symptoms have gone or if they continue to have only a residual cough or anosmia

We thank you for your support and adherence to the National guidance.

Have a lovely weekend

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Yours faithfully,

Mrs D Mitchell Headteacher