

Thursday 11 February 2021

Dear Parents,

As we end a half term of learning remotely, it has been very pleasing to read the positive feedback that parents and students have offered over the last few weeks. As a result of this feedback, we will be making a few changes at the start of the new half-term. These include:

- Moving away from a proscriptive 'live' lesson time of 30 minutes (45 in Years 11-13) towards an approach whereby teachers will teach for longer and up to a maximum of 50 minutes if this is the best decision for the class. In making this decision, we are aware of the impact that screen time has but would like to reassure you that not all lessons will be of this length and, when they are, students will spend longer working independently in the lesson with the support of their teacher.
- In relation to this, students will have more opportunities to complete tasks that they are required to submit during lesson times. This is to ensure that they both have the input and support to complete tasks to a high standard and reduce the burden of independent work for younger students in particular.

To allow training for staff to embed these and other changes at the start of the new half term, live lessons will not take place on period 1 on Monday 22nd February. The full timetable will be taught as usual for all year groups from period 2 (9.55) onwards. Students who attend the on-site 'Hub' provision should arrive at 9.30 on 22nd February and will be offered a Lateral Flow Test twice in the first week of their return.

We of course hope that this period of remote learning will end on March 8th when the reopening of schools is widely anticipated. We will update you on our plans for reopening as soon as we have been given a date and further guidance.

### **Free School Meals during half-term**

The London Borough of Camden will be distributing winter food vouchers to the families of all pupils eligible for Free School Meals for February half term. To make this process more efficient they will be sending the vouchers by post to parents directly; rather than asking Schools to manage the distribution as was done in for the previous distribution before Christmas.

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As always, please get in touch via [office@haverstock.camden.sch.uk](mailto:office@haverstock.camden.sch.uk) if you have any questions. We also have a range of information and advice on the '[Spring Term Closure](#)' page of our website.

We wish you all a safe and restful half term break.

Yours faithfully



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