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Dear Parents

During the last fortnight, the Covid-19 infection rate in school has dropped quite significantly. So we continue to move in the right direction I am going to ask that students and members of staff continue to wear face coverings whilst indoors until the end of this half term. Please remember that Friday 22 October is an INSET so students' last day in school before the half term holiday will be Thursday 21 October.

Your son/daughter will be issued with a pack of lateral flow device (LFD) tests next week as follows:

- Years 7 to 11 – during their RESPECT lesson on Wednesday morning
- Year 12 – during morning tutor period
- Year 13 – to collect a box after their first Pre-Public Examination

You will notice that the test kits supplied this time are different to those previously sent to schools. This style of test only requires a double-nasal swab (no throat swab) and will give a result in just 15 minutes. Please follow the instructions on the enclosed leaflet carefully. If you have supplies of the other type of lateral flow test it is still fine to continue to use them as you have been previously.

Students should continue to test twice per week and ensure they take a test prior to returning to school on Monday 1 November. If your child has a positive LFD test result or is displaying Covid-19 symptoms, please do not send him/her to school. Instead, book him/her in for a PCR test using the [NHS website](#).

The Government has introduced an additional Bank Holiday on Friday 3 June 2022 to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. As this falls within the half term break, we are required to close for a day at another time so school children and staff working in schools benefit from the Bank Holiday. This 'day off' has been scheduled for Wednesday 20 July 2022. Consequently, summer term will end for all students on Tuesday 19 July 2022.

I would like to wish Year 13 students good luck with their Pre-Public Examinations that are taking place next week and hope you all have an enjoyable half term holiday when it arrives.

Yours sincerely

Mr D A Mackenzie
Headteacher

