

Parentmail 14.05.21

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your amazing hard work and efforts to help your children. Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns you wish to raise with us. I will continue to communicate each week by Parentmail and please also check our website for more details. As the weather has improved, pupils will no longer be allowed to stay in classrooms over break and lunchtime from this week. Students are not required to wear masks from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> of May but may do so, if they wish.

God Bless.

Mrs Lennon

### **Year 11, 12 and 13 Teacher Assessed Grades**

Students taking May assessments have been issued with timetables this week. Timetables have also been emailed to parents and carers.

Included with the timetable was an important letter about mitigating circumstances which may have affected your child this year. Please make sure that you have read this letter carefully and responded if necessary, by Friday 21st May.

If you have any queries about the TAG process, please contact the school by emailing [summer2021exams@stjohnfisher.school](mailto:summer2021exams@stjohnfisher.school)

### **Up Beat! Singing Club**

So far, our KS3 singing club has been running online with the music teacher on TEAMS and the pupils in school. We are excited to announce that as of this coming Tuesday (18th May) the sessions will be face to face with the music teacher coming into school. This will be done following all the government and school guidelines around social distancing.

Thank you to all of the fabulous singers who are attending already and if any other Year 7 or 8 pupils would like to join please email Mr Bowers ([s.bowers@stjohnfisher.school](mailto:s.bowers@stjohnfisher.school)) for more details.

### **Lower site homework club**

Homework club runs in the Hub on lower site for yrs. 7 & 8 at the following times:

Mon, Tue, Thur, 3.05-4.00

Fri 3.05-3.30

All are welcome to attend.

### **Medway Council Survey**

Medway Council and partner agencies want to become a child friendly city, where all children and young people have a meaningful say in, and benefit from, the local decisions, services and spaces that shape their lives. To inform the development of this, we want to consult young people (aged 0 - 25) to learn more about what it feels like to be a young person living in Medway; what young people need and want; and their aspirations.

Part of the approach Medway Council is taking is to engage children and young people up to the age of 25 in an online survey that runs until Sunday 23rd May 2021.

Please can you encourage your children to complete the short anonymous survey to have their voice and opinion heard.

Here is the online survey link: <https://smartsurvey.co.uk/s/MedwayYourWay/>

### **Covid Testing: Lateral Flow Testing at Home**

Your daughter/son should have received a new test kit.

Each box contains the items for 7 home tests and an instruction booklet. The following NHS video guidance is also useful in explaining how to conduct the test at home – <https://youtu.be/S9XR8RZxKNo>.

It is advised that a test is conducted twice a week. We suggest the test is taken every Sunday and Wednesday evening. You are required to report the result of home lateral tests using the Covid-19 test result website (<https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>) regardless if the test result is positive, negative or void.

As a school, we are also asked to track this information, so we ask that you please complete the following form to log your child's result – <https://stjohnfisher.school/wp-content/Covid-Result-Login/> . This is so that we can keep a record and advise you of the next steps if needed. Your child will need to use their normal school 'log-in' to access the site and their normal school password.

These lateral flow tests are for students with no symptoms only. If your child develops symptoms at any time, such as a high temperature; a new, continuous cough; or a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste, they must immediately self-isolate, and you will need to book a test by calling 119 or visiting <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirustest> .

**If your child's result from a lateral flow test or a PCR test is positive, please ensure you contact the school's attendance officer immediately.**

Along with the other protective measures we are taking, these tests will help staff and students to remain in school safely. Up to one third of people who have coronavirus experience no symptoms. By testing we will help to stop the virus spread and help to keep our school open as safely as possible. The test is voluntary, but I would encourage everyone to take it.