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Wednesday 12th May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing with some recent school updates.

Calendar

Please find attached the academic calendar for Newquay Tretherras for 2021-2022.

In line with other CELT schools, Newquay Junior Academy and Newquay Primary Academy, we will be implementing a two-week October half term as an extended break in a long autumn term (the first half term is 6 weeks long and the second half term is 7 weeks).

The Spring Bank Holiday in 2022 will be moved to Thursday 2nd June and an additional Bank Holiday on Friday 3rd June will see a four-day weekend to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. As we will already be on our half term break in the week commencing 31st May, the number of days students need to be in school has been reduced nationally from 195 days to 194 in total for 2021-22. As KS4 and KS5 public examinations take place each side of May half term, we will be taking our extra Jubilee Day on Friday 8th April 2022.

This summer, we are planning to offer a two-week Holiday Activities' and Food Programme at the start of the holiday in July, in partnership with Active Cornwall, that will be open to all students and which will offer a range of sporting and physical activities aimed at different age groups. We are also planning to run a Summer School during the last week of August to support the transition of our new Year 7 students as they join Tretherras from their primary schools. There will also be some targeted intervention programmes for some of our Year 9 students who will benefit from support in advance of the new academic year and prior to the start of their GCSEs. More details of these holiday programmes will follow, along with details of how to book places.

Final Assessments

Year 11 and 13 students are working hard to ensure they achieve the grades they need to secure for the next steps in their education or training. As you know, Year 11 final assessment weeks are 10th- 24th May and 24th- 28th May for Year 13. Detailed guidance has been produced for Year 11 and 13. Please contact the relevant Head of Year or subject staff if you have any issues or concerns as we move into the final assessment weeks. We appreciate that this is a stressful time for students and families and we are here to support you in any way we can.

For further information, or a reminder about our processes, please visit: <https://tretherras.net/summer-assessment/> Here, you will find earlier letters we've communicated; a voiced over presentation outlining our process; the 'Just Check' assessment timetable; the JCQ Guide for Parents; an information graphic detailing how schools will award grades; and, in due course, the NT Centre Policy for determining awards - summer 2021.

Results Days are Tuesday 10th August for KS5 qualifications and Thursday 12th August for KS4 qualifications. More information about these days will follow.

Face Coverings

The latest DfE guidance is that, based on the current state of the pandemic and the positive progress being made, it is no longer necessary to recommend the additional precautionary face covering measures put in place from 8th March. **From Monday 17th May, in line with Step 3 of the government roadmap, face coverings will no longer be recommended for pupils in classrooms, exam rooms or communal areas in all schools.** Face coverings will also no longer be recommended for staff in classrooms. Throughout the pandemic we have always tried to support the feelings of the individual when it comes to face coverings and therefore, if you believe that your child would feel reassured by continuing to wear a face covering in corridors and communal areas, they are free to do so.

In school, we will continue to recommend that face coverings should be worn by staff and visitors in situations outside of classrooms where social distancing is not possible (for example, when moving around in corridors and communal areas). However, the reintroduction of face coverings for pupils, students or staff may also be advised for a temporary period in response to local outbreaks in the future, including variants of concern.

Children and young people aged 11 and over must still wear a face covering on public transport. In accordance with advice from Public Health England, they must also wear a face covering when travelling on dedicated transport to secondary school or college. This does not apply to children and young people who are exempt from wearing face coverings.

All other systems of control, including year group bubbles, cleaning arrangements and seating arrangements in classrooms will remain unchanged until further notice. From Monday 7th June, we will be changing our lunch and break-time rotas as Year 11 and 13 will no longer be in school. We will issue revised timings and allocate dining halls for Years 7 to 10 in the run up to half term.

As children will not be wearing face coverings from Monday 17th May, may we respectfully remind you that visible nose rings and nose studs are not acceptable. Please refer to our uniform guidance and support us by reminding your son or daughter that it is not acceptable to conceal piercings with plasters or replace them with clear alternatives.

Home testing

Students and staff in secondary schools will continue to be supplied with LFD test kits to self-swab and test themselves twice a week at home. Staff and pupils must report their result to NHS Test and Trace as soon as the test is completed either online or by telephone, as per the instructions in the home test kit. For the safety and well-being of everyone in our school community, can I please ask that you continue to use the LFD test kits until the next lockdown milestone is reached.

With very best wishes.

Yours sincerely,



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