

Weekly News Update Friday 12 March 2021

Return to school

This week has all been about welcoming all our students back to school and into the classrooms again. We have managed to use the lateral flow tests for all students in the school (for whom we have consent) and two-year groups have been tested twice. Once students have had three lateral flow tests in school, we will then provide students with a home test kit. We have been so impressed with how our students have conducted themselves and it's good to see them reuniting with their friends. I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank our Testing Team for managing the testing centre so efficiently.

As happened in the autumn term we will again ask that on days where students have a core PE lesson on their timetable, they should attend school in their Dorothy Stringer PE Kit. Students will be allowed stay in their kit after the lesson, or change into their school uniform if they need dry clothes. So, students should still be packing their uniform or spare PE kit on PE days. This practice is aimed at reducing numbers of students using the changing rooms at any one time. If there is any reason that students cannot wear their PE kit to school, then we will be able arrange for them to change in PE. Finally, our excellent PE extra curriculum offer starts up again from 15 March.

Year 7 Parents' Eve & Early School Closure

A quick reminder the school will be closing early, at 2.15, for all students on Thursday 18 March for Year 7 Parents' Eve.

Brighton Buses

The timetables for school buses have been updated to reflect the return to school. You can find a copy of the Brighton & Hove Buses timetable on the SLG.

Online Family Learning

The Brighton & Hove Family Learning Team continue to run courses online for families that are looking for support with wellbeing, mental health and maths and English learning.

You can see the flyer on our [#StringerWellbeing@Home](#) page

Yearbook

The Class of 2021 Yearbooks go on sale on Monday 15 March and can be ordered from the School Shop: https://public.dorothy-stringer.co.uk/ds/pages/shop_main.aspx

This year we have reduced the cost of the Yearbook to £12. The deadline to order is Friday 23 April 2021.

Word of the week - March 15 – 19: Deferential (adj.) - having respect for people in authority

Take care and stay safe.

Matt Hillier

Important Dates

Thursday 18 March – Year 7 Parents' Evening – Virtual using school cloud system

Thursday 1 April – Non-uniform day & end of spring term