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Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our weekly update to tell you what has been happening at the academy and what events are coming up in the near future.

Back to school:

We are delighted that we will be welcoming students back from the 8th March and are very much looking forward to seeing them in person and settling back down into school routines. Thank you to all parents who have sent consent forms back for onsite testing. We will be finalising arrangements for testing on Monday and will then get information out to you all about the staggered return to school.

Assessment 2021:

We have now received initial guidance about the assessment arrangements for a Level, GCSE and Vocational qualifications. We sent a Synergy broadcast out today and the information is on our school website. We are currently working with the other schools in The Trust to ensure consistency in the awarding of grades and confidence in the accuracy of the final grade. We will keep you fully informed of our approach to this.

Parents' Evenings:

On Wednesday 24th February Y12 and 13 Parents' Evening took place and was again received very positively by those who took part. Just a reminder that Year Nine Parents' Evening takes place on March 24th. We have taken the decision that this will also take place virtually. We will be sending information out about the booking system to all parents very soon.

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Lock down Learners:

We are keen to celebrate our students' success, particularly under the current circumstances. Every week on Instagram and Facebook we publish our 'lockdown learners' for the week for each year group. These are students who have gone the extra mile with their online learning and contributions – so a huge well done to all of them.

World Book Day: The Masked Reader

You may have heard of the popular TV programme The Masked Singer; this competition is a twist on that where staff members from across the school will be disguised through the wearing of a mask – or emoji and each day will promote reading to students whilst revealing small clues about their identity. As well as promoting literacy, it also is a nice way for students to feel connected to school whilst they continue to learn from home.

For a week running up to World Book Day on March 4th 2021, staff from MBA will be disguising themselves and reading extracts from their favourite books, these will have been chosen to span the appropriate age range. The challenge for students will be to correctly identify who each reader is. Each day the masked readers will give students one clue to help them guess who they are. Some clues may be obvious but they may also be planted to catch students out!

Please encourage your son/daughter to watch the videos each day on the school website and attempt to guess which teacher is the reader behind the mask. Please watch out for further information via our Facebook page.

We are hopefully approaching the end of the final lockdown, a time that has tested all our resilience. I would like you all to know that we have appreciated your support, as we have worked through different expectations and arrangements during this lockdown. I extend our thanks as a staff to all of you for your patience and understanding.

As always, if there is anything you need to contact us about, please do not hesitate.

Kind Regards

Mrs Heather McClurg (Principal)

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