



**The South Wolds
Academy
and Sixth Form**

28th May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am so pleased that we are able to end this half term with some much needed sunshine. This has been a very busy time for our school community and I am delighted with the resilience and effort that students have shown. Our Year 11 and 13 students in particular have faced an extremely focused period of assessments as they finish their courses and work with their subject teachers to build their evidence portfolios for examination grading. I know how hard the past few months have been for everyone and faced with such turbulence and uncertainty, an easy option would just to have given up. Yet our students have marched on and given their best and I am very proud of everyone's efforts. I know you will join me in thanking staff: the sheer volume of work to provide this essential support to our students has been huge and I can see from the wonderful messages of thanks that are coming into school that you recognise that as well. As always, your kind words are always appreciated.

We are pleased to be able to celebrate with both Year 11 and Year 13 and I am looking forward to the leaver events planned for them today. Mr Polley and Mrs Capewell have worked hard with the students and the staff team to ensure we give the students the send off they want and deserve.

Contact tracing over half term

I sincerely hope that all our families have a healthy and restful half term in the sun. However, should you need to report a positive COVID-19 case during the holiday, please take note of the following information and arrangements regarding communicating with school. Where a student tests positive for coronavirus, having developed symptoms **more than** 48 hours after being in school, the school should not be contacted as the student would not be deemed to have been contagious while at school. In this event, parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace. Up to and including Wednesday 2nd June 2021, if a student tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms **within** 48 hours of being in school, please report the case via the following

link: <https://www.southwolds.co.uk/page/?title=Test+and+Trace+%2D+Student&pid=156>

We will then assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school. Where students are required to self-isolate due to contact with a positive case after this date, the school does not need to be informed about their absence until the first day of the new term.

Please also find attached a letter from Nottinghamshire County Council regarding vaccinations that I have been asked to share with you.

Message from the Department for Education

The importance of COVID-19 home testing over half term

Following schools' and colleges' success in COVID-19 testing on return to education, it is vital for staff, secondary and college students and their families, to keep testing at home throughout the half term holiday and on into the rest of the summer term. The DfE's key messages are:

Church Drive, Keyworth, Nottingham NG12 5FF
e-mail: office@southwolds.notts.sch.uk Website: www.southwolds.co.uk
Twitter: @southwolds Telephone: 0115 9373506

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- all staff, secondary and college students and their households should continue to test twice weekly over the holidays
- [report results online](#) whether they are positive, negative or void. This information is critical in helping understand the prevalence of the virus across the country
- remember to test just before returning to school or college for the next half term either the night before, or morning of, the first day back to find and isolate any positive cases.

Families eligible for free school meals

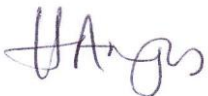
These will be shared in voucher form over half term, as they have been over previous holiday periods this year. Please look out for the e-mail from the company as usual.

Year 11

Please remember that we continue to provide a remote education for Year 11 until the 25th June 2021. Further details will be issued on the morning of Monday 7th June 2021. This will be a combination of post 16 transition work or alternatively careers and work experience tasks to support every student in their next steps.

Please continue to take care and stay safe over the holiday period and we look forward to welcoming everyone back for the final half of the summer term on Monday 7th June 2021.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Halina Angus', written in a cursive style.

Halina Angus
Head Teacher