



Friday 19th March 2021

Dear Parents,

It has been lovely to see the school coming back to life. There was much quiet excitement and relief as pupils filled our classrooms again last week. Well done to them all for working well with the ongoing restrictions, including the new mask rules. We hope that their next few months will be marked by the reassuring normality of school life, pastoral care, great teaching, friendship and laughter!

Best wishes to pupils who are shielding, self-isolating or abroad. We are very much looking forward to seeing them back soon.



A-level and GCSE assessments

Best wishes to Year 11 and Upper Sixth students completing their first set of assessments. They will have several weeks in school next term before the final assessments on 50% of each course's content. We are their greatest supporters and aim to give them every opportunity to demonstrate the quality of their work. Keep going!

Testing

I am extremely grateful to our COVID testing team of staff and volunteers. Their impressive and professional work has helped to give reassurance to many families and staff. We are now asking all pupils to continue testing twice-weekly, and to report results to Test and Trace and also to the school [at this link](#).

Pick-up and drop-off by car

We have received complaints from local residents that parents have been parking on pavements or stopping on double yellow lines near the school. Please reduce traffic hazards near the school by arranging to pick up your son or daughter well away from any of the **school gates** and **road crossings** if you drive them to school.

Photography success

Congratulations to **Ashwin Geerthan** (Year 10) on his award of Young Photographer of the Year from the Royal Society of Biology. His photograph taken in Hikkaduwa, Sri Lanka is entitled "Waiting": It shows Indian cormorants patiently waiting on a structure made by sticks that was set up by humans for fishing.

Congratulations also to **Joshua Grigg** (L6CRB) whose award-winning photograph from the Photography Movement lockdown competition has been [featured on billboards](#) around the UK.



Lenten Charities

Own Clothes Day last week raised over £2000 for this year's Lenten Charities: **St John's Hospice, Parkinson's UK, Lancaster Support Group, British Heart Foundation, Dementia UK, Money for Madagascar** and **Save the Children**.

With very best wishes ~ Dr C.J. Pyle

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Testing times



Student photographs in IB9 – thanks to Old Lancastrian Club