

Dormers Wells High School

MATHS AND COMPUTING SPECIALIST SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Like you, we are all feeling excited here at DWHS as the current Covid restrictions are being lifted, allowing us to gradually emerge from lockdown and return to something resembling "normality". It has been a long and challenging year and the sense of relief is palpable. However, we feel it is important to proceed with caution to ensure that all our good work over the last 13 months which got us here, is not undone. Although the Government have announced that face coverings will no longer be required in secondary schools as of the 17th of May, DWHS together with Ealing Local Authority ***strongly encourage*** our students and staff to continue using theirs in school, at least until the end of May. As always, our priority is the health and safety of all students and staff, and we intend to review our position at the end of May.

Please see below the message from Ealing Local Authority:

Although the Government have announced that face coverings will no longer be required in secondary schools as of the 17th of May, the LA (Local Authority) strongly encourages school pupils and staff to continue with their use in school settings as they are currently doing. This is because the rate of infection in Ealing (38.9 per 100,000 rolling 7-day average up to 7th May) is above the London average (18.6 per 100,000 rolling 7-day average up to the 7th of May). In addition, a number of cases of the Indian Variant of Concern have been identified in London. The LA's position on face coverings shall be reviewed at the end of May.

Please note that face coverings must still be worn in communal areas such as corridors where social distancing is not possible. This means that all staff and students must continue to wear a mask in corridors and while walking around the building unless medically exempt.

Moderation Day – 24th May 2021

Our Y11 & 13 exams are almost complete, and staff are working hard ensuring the papers are marked. I assure you that this process is being taken very seriously by our teaching team as students' grades depend on it. In a normal year, we prepare students to sit examinations which are then posted off to external examiners to mark, moderate and eventually grade. This year all this work of setting, marking, moderating, and grading the papers is being undertaken in-house. So, as you can appreciate, this involves a significant amount of extra work for staff.



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Remember the school will be closed on 24th of May 2021 for face-to-face teaching allowing staff to moderate, and quality assure the exams. Students in all year groups will work from home and need to access work set by their teachers to complete online (no live streaming).

Message from Metropolitan Police Service (MET)

In celebration of Eid al-Fitr, the Metropolitan Police Service (MET) are hosting virtual Meet the Met events to engage with the Muslim community. Join us to hear from Officers who are part of the Muslim Police Staff Association who will discuss and share their journey followed by a Q&A. We will be holding 2 virtual events on the 13th & 14th May from 11am - 12pm - 1pm via Microsoft teams: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/eid-al-fitr-recruitment-webinar-metropolitan-police-tickets-114505109866>

Once again, I would like to thank you for your continued help and support. I would also like to take this opportunity to say Eid Mubarak to our Muslim families who will be celebrating this week.

Yours faithfully,

Ms R Walsh
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