

29 March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: End of Term Updates

As we reach the end of the Spring Term, we thank you for your support in ensuring that your child's return to school and to classroom-based learning after the lockdown period has been a positive one.

Feedback from Parent Survey 2020

A huge thank you to all our parents and carers who completed our annual survey in November. Your feedback is incredibly important to us in helping senior leaders to improve the quality of provision for students at the academy. Please see below a summary of the points raised by parents and carers and the actions that we have taken.

You said	We did
It is difficult to manage Home Learning.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All students have been given a Home Learning Diary to help them with organisation and managing deadlines. All staff to set Home Learning through TEAMS using the Assignments tab so that deadlines and work is easy to navigate. We will review and write a Home Learning timetable to share with Parents and students.
It is hard to know what students are learning in school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KS3 Curriculum maps have been updated on the NOA website. KS4 Exam Board specifications are available. https://www.northoxfordshire-academy.org/curriculum/curriculum-by-subject
We would like Knowledge Organisers available on the NOA website.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated Knowledge Organisers will be added to the NOA website. Terms 3 and 4 are available and Term 5 will be available after Easter. All students have been given a folder for their Knowledge Organiser sheets.
We find reports difficult to understand and they are generic.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reports are currently under review.
There are no extracurricular clubs or school trips.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Home Learning Clinics have been open from September 2020. Other clubs will resume once permitted. We await further guidance as to when we can offer trips off site.



Home Testing

It has been very encouraging to see the overwhelming majority of students taking part in the Government's at home testing programme. This continues to be an important tool in our efforts to minimise the risk of the virus.

The Government has now announced that students should continue to carry out tests at home during the Easter holiday on Sundays and Wednesdays as they have been doing. Students will be given more testing kits to take home for their own use. These will be distributed to students on either Tuesday 30 or Wednesday 31 March.

The results of each test must be reported to NHS Test and Trace and reported to us at school, using this form <https://bit.ly/3cG3nHL> as the NHS data is not shared with us. Thank you for your support with this.

End of Term Arrangements

A reminder that this term ends for students on **Wednesday 31 March**. **Thursday 1 April** is a parent consultation morning for parents of students in Years 8 and 9.

Return to School

Students return to school on **Tuesday 20 April at the usual start time for their year group**. The DfE has reviewed its guidance for schools about face coverings. Students should continue to wear face coverings in school after Easter. This measure will be kept under review and we will inform you when this changes.

We would like to thank you once again for your continued support and to wish you and your family a happy and healthy Easter.

Yours sincerely

Alison Merrills
Principal