

# HEAD TEACHER'S REPORT TO THE PARENT COUNCIL

Tuesday 30 March 2021

## Phased Return to School and Blended Learning

On 8 March, we began a phased return to school prioritising Senior Phase pupils who are completing National Qualification courses. We maintained our lockdown timetable so that online learning could continue with minimal disruptions for all year groups.

- S4 to S6 attended each day, Monday to Thursday, for either the morning or afternoon with additional sessions for practical classes continuing on the Friday. This ensured that they saw their teachers at least once a week.
- S3 attended one afternoon a week with a focus on literacy, numeracy and wellbeing.
- S1 and S2 had one re-engagement visit and had lessons in English, Maths, PSE, Social Subjects or Science and PSE. Their main learning has remained online. Targeted groups in S1 and S2 have attended each week according to their needs.

Attendance has been very good. Pupils have been smartly dressed in school uniform and kept to the Covid rules with no issues. Two metre distancing in classes and small class sizes have resulted in very quiet pupils!

## Lateral Flow Testing

All staff and pupils in S4 to S6 have been testing themselves regularly since the middle of February. The purpose of the Schools Asymptomatic Testing Programme is to further reduce risks for staff and young people in our school. Testing will be rolled out to pupils in S1 to S3 from 19 April. We have been issuing tests during their in-school sessions so that they can take their first test on Monday 19 April before coming back to school. Uptake has been very good so far. 64% of S1 to S3 have already handed in permission forms and over 70% of S4 to S6 are currently testing regularly. We will continue to promote testing across all year groups when we return in April.

## Youth Philanthropy Initiative (YPI)

The final of the YPI took place on Friday 26 March. All pupils in S3 had the opportunity to participate remotely in this year's YPI Project. The quality of the submissions was outstanding and really showed the school values in action. The winners of the £3000 for the homeless charity, Seascope, were JD and MG.

## Upcoming Events

**Easter Holidays** - closed Fri 2 to Fri 16 April

**Next Parent Council Meeting**- 27 April

**Assessment diet for S4 to S6** – 10 May to 4 June

**Additional In-service Days** - Fri 11 June and Mon 14 June