



ASH MANOR SCHOOL



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Dear Parent/Carer

We are now at the end of the first half term of this academic year and I would like to thank you all for your continued support of all that we are doing in Ash Manor School. Every day I walk around the school and pop into as many lessons as possible. It is wonderful to see the hard work both students and staff are putting in every lesson to ensure that our students make excellent progress and fulfil their potential.

It has been a real pleasure this term to see so many activities and events taking place. A particular highlight was the Mayor's Civic Service in Guildford - I was incredibly proud of the choir and the CCF who were a key part of the event. In addition to this, we officially opened our performing arts block, we held our year 11 College Evening, we had PD Day 1 including the Year 11 Big Interview and there have been countless clubs and fixtures taking place; it is wonderful to see our students participate in so many different activities.

We are still as a nation operating under the shadow of the pandemic and so there are a few measures that we will be retaining until the Christmas break when we will review all procedures once more.

For the next half term:

- The school day timings will continue to incorporate a split lunch break to minimise the numbers in the canteen.
- Assemblies will be online and delivered in tutor groups to avoid large numbers in the hall for longer than 15 minutes.
- Students will be required to spend their social times outside if it is a dry day.
- Sanitiser will continue to be available at key spots around the school and at the front of every classroom.
- You are asked to continue to support your child in taking a lateral flow test twice a week and following the PHE advice if it shows a positive result. Advice is available from us at the school if you need it by calling or emailing us.
- The wearing of face coverings will be encouraged.

We have not yet been notified by the NHS of the date when the COVID vaccinations will happen in Ash Manor School and will advise you via schoolcomms as soon as we receive this. Please be aware that Ash Manor's role is only to provide the communication and the venue. If you wish to have your child vaccinated earlier, 12 to 15-year-olds can now book a Covid-19 vaccination through the NHS booking service during half-term.

On return from the half term holiday, breakfast service in the canteen will be re-introduced from 8:00 – 8:30 each day which I know was helpful to many. In addition the end of day service will be in place allowing students to get a snack before heading to a club or study session.

We are currently organising vouchers for those families in receipt of free school meals to cover the half term period. These will be delivered electronically so please check your email.

On Thursday 11th November we will hold our school Remembrance Service, led by our CCF. We invite any student who is a member of a uniformed organisation and who would like to be a part of the service to wear their organisation's uniform to school on that date and to join the CCF for that service. We would also like to invite any parent or carer who would like to attend to join us and would be grateful if you could email information@ashmanorschool.com if you are attending to help us plan appropriately. The CCF will be selling poppies in the school during tutor time, so please encourage your child to donate to this very worthwhile cause and to wear their poppy with pride.

Please check our Facebook page for regular updates on upcoming events and a chance to celebrate with us the wonderful work our students do inside and outside the classroom. It really does give you a glimpse into daily life at Ash Manor.

I wish you all a restful half term break and I look forward to working with you to ensure that our students continue to get the best education possible.

Yours faithfully

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

Ms A Bailey

Headteacher