

9<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I have really enjoyed speaking with the Year 11 students this week. Over the last two weeks we have been having one to one discussions about their post 16 options, these have been really positive and it has been great to speak to them individually.

### **Road to the Euros**

In only two weeks we have travelled a total of 8,233.5 KM, which is incredible. On Friday we had just passed the Amsterdam Arena, but a strong weekend's performance (in what I would say were challenging conditions) we have visited the Talia Parken in Copenhagen, then headed South to the Allianz Arena in Munich, before visiting the Stadio Olimpico in Rome. That is a weekend we can only dream of at the moment! We are now on the way to Hungary.

It really has been a strong performance across all the houses, Wallace currently have their noses just in front of Croft, but there is much to play for and it really could be anyone's to claim with a further 6,346 Km to go.

Keep it going everyone, lets push on to Hungary and Romania!

### **Critical Worker Survey**

If you are a critical worker and need your son to attend school from the 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021, can you please complete the survey using this link, <https://forms.gle/R1S4tnHhvjm732rw7>. The deadline for completion is Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February at 12pm so we are able to plan supervision for the week after half term.

Students who attend will need to wear full school uniform and bring a pair of trainers to use at lunchtime. There are no food facilities on site and so students will need to supply their own snack and lunch. Students will also need hand sanitiser and a face covering.

Please note that the school will be shut for all students during half term (week beginning the 15<sup>th</sup> February) and will be closed on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February for staff Inset.

If your son has attended school this week and develops symptoms of COVID-19 during half term, can you please contact us using the [coronavirus@richardhale.co.uk](mailto:coronavirus@richardhale.co.uk) email address. This is important so we can contact trace over half term.

If you have not yet provided permission for the lateral flow tests and wish for your child to have one when they return after half term, can I ask that you complete the online form so that we can administer the tests to students in school in the week beginning the 23<sup>rd</sup> February.

### **Lateral Flow Testing**

You will have received an email about permission for lateral flow testing for COVID-19. Please take time to read through the email and attachments and complete the form giving permission. This is in anticipation that we may be required to do some Asymptomatic testing

before students are able to return to school. We will provide further details about any testing arrangements once we have the details about the return to school.

### **Support Videos**

Please see below a link to a number of support videos for parents and students for using Google Classroom and Meet which are also available on our website and tackle the most common problems faced with remote learning. Each video is between 2 - 5 minutes long and easy to digest.

<https://www.richardhale.herts.sch.uk/about-us/online-learning/google-classroom-google-meets-youtube-tutorials/>

### **Free School Meals**

Vouchers for Free School Meals have been issued to parents today. If you have not received your voucher please contact Mr Botheras, [bt@richardhale.co.uk](mailto:bt@richardhale.co.uk)

### **COVID-19 updates**

The latest COVID-19 updates are available using this link <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Ian Hawkins

**Headteacher**

### **February 2021 Calendar**

Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Year 9 Parents Evening
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	School finishes at 3.20pm
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Half Term Week
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Inset Day – School Closed
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Year 13 Parents Evening
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Extended Tutor Time