

Friday 26th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another fantastic week in school and I continue to be impressed by our students. This week they have continued to make progress in their learning, as well as participating in some of the wider curriculum opportunities available; it has been fantastic to hear the samba band again! I have also had the pleasure of reading the e-portfolios of the students who, despite the disruption of lockdown, have completed their Duke of Edinburgh Award this year. I am always in awe of their creativity, resilience and determination, as well as their community spirit. It was wonderful to see their achievements over what has been a difficult year. Well done to all of the students who have completed their awards. Please see the updated extra-curricular offer (attached) which can also be found on our website.

Year 11 Centre Assessed Grades

As promised, we are now in a position to confirm the assessment plan for our Year 11 students which will enable us to gather further evidence to support the evaluation of their learning in each course. The work that students have completed throughout their course counts and the assessments simply add to their portfolio of evidence. It is incredibly important that students continue to attend each day, work hard in school and at home and use the feedback from their teachers so that they feel prepared for the upcoming assessments. The assessment calendar will be sent via GroupCall on Monday to the parents of Year 11 students as well as being given to the students in school.

Assessment Week

Next week, students will be sitting assessments in the vast majority of their subjects. We know that students will have returned to school having had a mixed experience during lockdown. Therefore the purpose of the assessments is to ascertain where students are in their learning, so that we can amend our curriculum planning accordingly for the summer term. We do not want students to worry about assessment week, but instead to give their best in each and every assessment. To that end, we have asked teachers to direct students to specific areas of revision for their homework during assessment week and have removed homework sanctions. Staff will be available each night to supervise and support private study, if students wish to attend.

Home testing

Additional home testing kits will be sent home on Wednesday 31st March with those students who have consent and were tested in school over the previous weeks. Students will need to complete the tests during the Easter break as usual and report the results to both the NHS and the [school here](#).

Should your child test positive for Covid please record the result as above and email the school on covid@iscaexeter.co.uk to inform us as soon as possible. A reminder that positive test results from a home test **will require a confirmatory PCR test** to be completed. This is because the home tests are not conducted in a controlled environment.

Free School Meals

Devon County Council are providing vouchers for students in receipt of free school meals over the Easter Holidays, vouchers worth £30 will be emailed out to you next week.

Spring Performance Platform

The Music department have prepared a spring performance platform that will be aired on the school YouTube channel at 6pm on Thursday 1st April (our last day of term). It features soloists from Year 9 and 11 who have worked incredibly hard and would love your support.

Thank you as always for your support. We wish you and your family a restful weekend.

Best wishes,



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