



Gillingham School

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Friday 12th March 2021

A successful first week back for students

Dear Parents and Carers

We have very much enjoyed having our students fully back in school this week. At our school we talk a lot about treating each other with kindness and dignity. We also talk a great deal about our responsibility to ensure that everybody feels safe and happy in our school community. Having worked in our test centre this week, I have been so very proud of our students. The volunteers who have been helping using the test centre, have commented throughout the week, on how polite and cheerful the students have been. They have all played their part in ensuring everyone feels safe and I would ask that you pass on our thanks to them.

As you will be aware, we are now responsible for allocating centre assessed grades to our Year 11 and Year 13 students. This has necessitated a movement of a staff development day from Monday 19th April, to the new date of Friday 21st May.

The home test kits for our students will be given out between 18th and 23rd March once each student has received the last of their 3 in-school tests. We will send out an update on this next week.

The students' uniform has, on the whole, been brilliant this week. Thanks to every family for their efforts in this regard. A reminder please that:

- students in Years 10 and 11 should wear a navy blue school jumper or cardigan
- students in Years 7-11, should wear low heeled black leather/leather-type school shoes, no black canvas or trainers please
- dark charcoal/black socks or tights please; no white socks.

Homework will commence from next week for all year groups. These will be set via Microsoft Teams.

It has been a successful week and we're now hopeful that things will now return to normal as we progress through this academic year.

Yours sincerely

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