

ACS NEWSLETTER

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Dates for your Diary

ALL	Friday 02 April - Friday 16 April All students - Easter Holiday
ALL	Monday 19 April Summer Term begins for all students
Y7	Thursday 29 April Year 7 - Parents Evening (1)
ALL	Monday 03 May All students - Bank Holiday
Y7	Thursday 06 May Year 7 - Parents Evening (2)



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for all your support this term. It has been a remarkable 12 weeks. We planned for a normal return in January, found out we were in lockdown, embarked on live online lessons, introduced lateral flow testing and then returned to classroom lessons for the last four weeks! We have all learnt so much and adapted incredibly well. Thank you so much for your ongoing support, determination and resilience!

The summer term normally features GCSE and A Level examinations, but due to the pandemic, teachers will be preparing, marking, grading and moderating assessments for Years 11, 12 and 13. You can read the guidance for parents, carers and students [here](#) and review both [A Level grade descriptors](#) and [GCSE grade descriptors for all subjects](#). A reminder that JCQ regulations clearly state that teachers are forbidden from sharing final assessment grades with students.

Please note that in order to support teacher moderation of 2021 centre assessment grades we have amended the 2020-2021 school calendar. We have added a new Professional Development Day on Monday 7th June when the school will be closed to students. We will use this day for the final moderation of assessments for the submission of A Level, GCSE and VTQ grades. We have also updated the assessment schedule for all years, starting with the Year 12 assessment fortnight, which concludes on Friday 23 April.

A reminder that students must continue with lateral flow testing over the Easter break. We distributed the test kits to all students last Wednesday. Students test themselves twice a week - our testing days are MONDAY and THURSDAY. Your children must log their test results on the [NHS test and trace website](#) and on the google form on their google classroom home page. Parents and carers of schoolchildren can also order lateral flow test kits by following the instructions on this [Government webpage](#).

Parents and carers may be aware that Ofsted will shortly begin a review of the safeguarding policies of all schools following the publication of testimonies of sexual

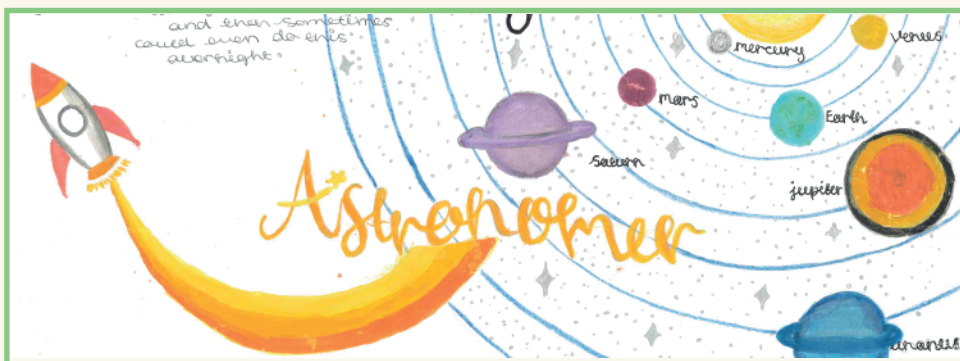
abuse and harassment in schools on the website 'Everyone's Invited'. We will review our policies and procedures over the Easter break and will consider how we can further strengthen safeguarding by initiating a working party at the start of the summer term. In order to support children and adults who believe themselves to be victims of such abuse, the NSPCC has launched a new helpline. The Report Abuse in Education helpline can be reached on 0800 136 663, on Monday to Friday 8am - 10pm, or 9am - 6pm at weekends. It can also be contacted by email at help@nspcc.org.uk.

Once again, thank you for your tremendous support during these unprecedented times. Please make sure your children take the time to rest and recharge over the next two weeks. Happy Easter to those celebrating Easter, and Ramadan Mubarak for those observing Ramadan next week..

Excellent student work during the National Careers Week 2021

During the National Careers Week 2021, our STEM department organised a series of tasks for students to engage in and explore careers in STEM-related fields and they were asked to create a poster based on a career of interest. Our science teachers did really well promoting these activities in class and we received an overwhelming number of positive responses from students, particularly from our Year 7's and Year 8's.

In addition to the achievement points given to all students who submitted posters, they will also be offered a certificate and small gifts as a reward for their hard work and commitment. Please click on the image below to see some of the best posters selected by our science department. Well done to all students!



Congratulation to our Y12 students who won the Profit Hunt Challenge competition

Nine Year 12 are currently involved in the "Profit Hunt Challenge" competition offered by Arrival Education in collaboration with Investec, an International Investment Bank and as part of this challenge students compete with other London based schools. Last week the students were required to create a presentation about their stock and personal gain made throughout the programme so far.

The students participating in the program are: Esther Engola, Pankti Pranalal, Diyana Jitendrakumar and Adelina Ciobanu ("Innovative Investors" Team) and Vishal Gandhi, Neil Ramgi, Prem Nai, Dhruv Rajendrakumar and Ethan Dias ("FIVE Star Investors" Team.).

We very happy to report that both teams did very well and the "Innovative Investors" Team won the competition with a very slick and well-researched presentation about their Morderna stock. Congratulations to all students for the commitment and resilience shown throughout the program which started in November and has run all the way through lockdown.

Creativity during lockdown

Please click on the image below to see a fantastic presentation of artworks created by our art students during lockdown.



Medics Bulletin

Please click on the image below to check out the April 2021 edition of the PiXL Medics Bulletin for information and advice about getting into Top Universities.



Mental health - Asking for help

Below you can find a guide for parents and students with information about how to ask for help if you are concern about a mental health problem.

