

16 April 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

It's great to be back at school as we all begin to return to something like normal. With remote learning now a distant memory, children are learning well in the classrooms and enjoying being back in school with their friends.

Arriving with the right frame of mind is crucial to good learning and this means being in the right uniform, being on time and having all the necessary equipment. Our high expectations of students have not changed and with significant time out of school, we are keen that they are ready to learn at all times. **We will not tolerate poor behaviour that disrupts the learning of others.** The recent giving out of Excellence ERA badges to the many students who met the threshold of positive ERA points is a testament to our students' ability to meet the school's expectations. Well done to everyone who has had this recognition, I look forward to seeing more and more students wearing them proudly on their uniform.

Home testing is going well, with students and staff who have consented testing twice weekly. We will be handing out more testing kits for students today and ask that students carry on testing on Sundays and Thursdays. For tests for the rest of the family, please follow this link for you nearest home test collection point <https://find-covid-19-rapid-test-sites.maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>. Thank you for doing these tests and completing the forms. This effort, combined with our keen adherence to the sound risk assessment is successfully maintaining the safety of our community.

Our Pods system continues to serve us well and we are all looking forward to what this summer term will bring us, with teachers and leaders working hard to ensure robust assessments ahead of determining grades for students in years 11 and 13. We are exceptionally proud of the way in which our pupils have responded to this, with resilience and excellence.

I am very pleased that we are beginning to see enrichment activities start up again and students clearly like being able to do more practical lessons in PE, drama and science. Our cadets have resumed again and yesterday we had over 40 students on parade this, is the highest number ever in Montsaye's history. It's great to hear children's voices in the school again and to see such progress, success and enjoyment.

Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully



Mrs Gabbi  
Principal