

Dear Parents/Carers

I do hope you all had a good Easter break and were able to enjoy the good weather and also the easing of some restrictions. I am keenly aware that we must continue to operate safely in school in line with the government guidance in order to ensure we do not undo all the progress we have made due to our collective sacrifices over the past year. There is a letter attached to this bulletin from the LA which reiterates what we can all do to keep everyone safe. It has been wonderful to have all students back in the building and I have been so impressed by the positivity and resilience they have shown. However, if your son/daughter is experiencing any difficulties at all please do not hesitate to contact us so we can offer appropriate support.

All years have assessments taking place this term and I would ask parents to support their child in revising and preparing thoroughly for these assessments. This will enable staff to identify any gaps in their knowledge or misconceptions. Years 11 and 13 have been incredibly focused and determined as they approach the end of this phase of their education, and I am delighted that we have record numbers of students applying for our Sixth Form. In addition, Year 13 all have plans in place whether these are university or apprenticeships or other forms of education and training. I hope many of them will join our expanding alumni programme. I wish all of them every success this term and in the future.

Stay safe

Mrs C Horrocks  
Principal

## Uniform and Equipment

Thank you to parents for ensuring students have returned in the correct uniform and with the equipment they need in a school bag. As we move into warmer weather, students should still wear blazers but will be able to remove them once they are in the building. As a school, we are committed to supporting the environment and sustainability. Please can you ensure that your child has a reusable water bottle. Fizzy drinks are not allowed. We are doing everything to support students to adopt healthy eating habits and lifestyle.

## Year 11 and 13 Leaving Date

We anticipate that the majority of Year 11 and 13 will leave on **Thursday 27 May**. However, if we need further assessment evidence or students require additional support, they will be required to attend other sessions. We will be arranging some additional virtual sessions after May half term, looking at preparation for Sixth Form and supporting students with completion of the preparation tasks.

## Covid-19

Thank you to all parents who have ensured we keep everyone as safe as possible with the twice weekly COVID testing. We are currently awaiting the delivery of kits (we are not able to order these kits - they are sent automatically by the Department for Education). We have raised the late delivery as a matter of urgency with the DfE who have assured us that they will be available to distribute on Monday 26 April. Please continue to report the result to the DfE and the school via the links provided. More information can be found on our website <https://www.elizabethan.notts.sch.uk/news/?pid=3&nid=1&storyid=1059>

## Careers Information

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope this message finds you well and that you and your child had a good holiday.

I know at the moment it can seem a worrying time for young people and their futures, and indeed for parents in supporting them. Headlines in the media often talk about the challenges for young people, especially those in Year 11 and Year 13 who are moving on to the next stage of their education, training or employment.

However, we have a wide amount of information and resources available to support students and parents when deciding on those important next steps. Students in Years 11, 12 and 13 can access these online, via their TEAMS Careers Programme, and by following the access instructions. This brand-new resource has a wealth of information to help you and your child make those key decisions together and to help them achieve their very best.

After May half term, I will be looking to run remote careers sessions for any students who still need support and advice regarding their next steps; these will be run via Teams on a 1:1 basis. I will also be offering careers information sessions covering topics such as: apprenticeships, preparing for interviews, back-up plans and using Linked-In to promote yourself. Further information will be communicated nearer the time.

In the meantime, if any parents/carers would like to discuss their child's options post-16 or post-18 then please email me at: [shemilts@elizabethan.notts.sch.uk](mailto:shemilts@elizabethan.notts.sch.uk)

Best wishes

Mrs Shemilt – Careers Advisor

## RSE and HE Curriculum

You will have received an email and government information leaflet this week explaining the new statutory guidelines that all schools must follow in delivering Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) and Health Education (HE). If you have any questions or suggestions regarding the delivery of RSE and HE at the Elizabethan Academy, please contact Ms Withall: [withalls@elizabethan.notts.sch.uk](mailto:withalls@elizabethan.notts.sch.uk)

## Summer School

We are planning a really exciting summer school this year, which will be open to Year 7 and Year 8 between 26<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> July. Further details will follow...

## Sixth Form Interviews

Interviews have been taking place for all students who have applied to join our Sixth Form in September 2021. If your child has not yet decided where they want to study after Year 11, or not yet had confirmation of an offer for an alternative Post-16 Centre, then please do contact us to discuss what we can offer. Assistant Principal - Lee Dainty [daintyl@elizabethan.notts.sch.uk](mailto:daintyl@elizabethan.notts.sch.uk)

Official enrolment into the Sixth Form will be taking place on GCSE results day, which this year is 12 August.

## Sixth Form Preparation Tasks (Year 11 Students)

For students planning on joining us in September there are a number of KS5 Preparation Tasks for your child to complete prior to the start of their courses in September. These Preparation Tasks help bridge the gaps between GCSE and KS5 and will enable your child to continue to explore their chosen subjects in greater depth. The Preparation Tasks for all of the subjects can be found by clicking [here](#)

These tasks will be discussed during the first sessions in September, so it important you look at them over the Summer break.

## Assessment

The Year 11 and Year 13 Assessments are now up and running, this will form part of the data that will be used to support the Teacher Assessed Grades (TAGs). Please remember that this is not the only data that

will be used to support the grading system, there is a wide range of material that can be used to collate the TAGs.

There may be circumstances that you feel will have impacted upon your child's ability to perform at their best during lockdown. For example, there may have been a period of illness that we are not aware of, that prevented full engagement with the work that was being delivered. I am going to be sending you a brief questionnaire to complete and return if you do feel that there are any mitigating circumstances that you would like me to consider that affected the performance of your child during lockdown.

Parents Evening Dates for this Half Term:

- Thursday 22 April Year 12 and Year 13.
- Thursday 29 April Year 11.
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May – Year 10 Parents' Evening (tbc).

The Academy uses SchoolCloud as the platform to deliver parent meetings. The system is straight forward to use, you will have been sent instructions on how to join the meeting by Mrs Ciardulli, if you do have any queries, please e mail her at [ciardullis@elizabethan.notts.sch.uk](mailto:ciardullis@elizabethan.notts.sch.uk).

If you have any queries about the process for summer grading, please direct them to the following email address [assessment@elizabethan.notts.sch.uk](mailto:assessment@elizabethan.notts.sch.uk) which is manned by several members of the Senior Leadership Team.

## Safeguarding

**The Internet Watch Foundation has launched a campaign to raise awareness of 'self-generated' child sexual abuse material.**

In the last year, "[self-generated" child sexual abuse imagery](#) has increased by 77% and is a third of all child sexual abuse material identified and removed from the internet. These included images of girls aged 11 to 13 whose abuse had been recorded via a webcam in a domestic setting.

**Any child, no matter what their background, with unrestricted access to internet-connected devices, is at risk.**

To help prevent the creation of this type of abusive imagery, a campaign has been launched by the [Internet Watch Foundation](#) (IWF) backed by the Home Office and Microsoft. It aims to help raise awareness of this type of criminality among parents and carers of young teens, empower and educate girls aged 11 to 13+ to spot the techniques used by sexual predators and give them the knowledge to **Block, Report, Tell** someone they trust.

It is a national campaign running from Wednesday 21 April for six weeks. You can find out more on the [IWF website](#), as well as specific sites for [parents](#) and [young people](#).

**Respectful reminder to parents/carers** ... in line with our Covid risk assessment, it is important that parents/carers do not come into reception without an appointment. If your child has forgotten equipment or other items s/he will have to improvise and cope without for the day. The exceptions to this are for medication, packed lunch and reading glasses.

At the start of this week the Children's Commissioner for England launched a national survey of children, called **The Big Ask**. This is the largest ever consultation with children aged 4 to 17 in England. It aims to find out children's concerns and aspirations about the future, so that we can put children at the heart of our country's recovery from the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

We will be launching this with our students in TP next week and support them in completing the survey. Parents are also invited [to complete the adult survey](#) to share their views about the future for children and

young people today, and what they think is holding young people back. The results from this survey will help the Children's Commissioner identify the barriers preventing children from reaching their potential, put forward solutions and set ambitious goals for the country to achieve. So please invest some time in sharing your views via this important survey.

### SEND

During the Year 11 assessment periods, it is essential that if your child has Access Arrangements, they use these to give them the best opportunity possible to do well. To make sure that they use any extra time they have or allow their scribe to work with them. Please encourage them at home so they are getting the same message from everyone.

### Calendar Dates

- Thursday 29 April - Year 11 Year 11 Parents' Evening
- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – May Bank Holiday
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May – Year 10 Parents' Evening (tbc)