



8 January 2021

Good afternoon to parents and carers

We have made it through our first week of remote learning and thank you all for your support in what we are trying to do. I know the last couple of days has been a little bit different depending on the year group your child is in but from next week we will be back to a full compliment of Teams lessons for all students and registration too at 8.40am. As usual a few updates to end the week and to set up the week ahead. I do not intend to email over the weekend unless there are any major developments but I will be back in touch again from Monday.

## Exam Update

### Prelims

Firstly my apologies for the incorrect date in last night's email relating to missed prelims. To be clear any Post 16 student who missed their prelim in school before Christmas will have the opportunity to take it in lessons before 20 January 2021.

### January examination series

We have run two examinations in school today for Post 16 students. Both have taken place successfully in a safe environment. We have further examinations next week and I would encourage you to discuss with your child whether or not they wish to take the exam. Any questions should be directed to Mrs Embrey in the first instance.

### Summer examinations

There is still no detail around what will replace GCSE and A Level examinations in the summer to determine the grades awarded. I have been informed that there is a consultation starting on Monday. I will send you the details as soon as I receive them. In the interim students must attend all lessons and complete all the work they are set.

## Mass testing

Please continue to sign your child up for mass testing if you wish to do so. To make things easier for parents we are now asking parents to give consent using the Microsoft Form in the link below.

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=FKPgQBg02E-HRai-OC\\_x3Lxw8k6IrO9HhxHAICkLPqdUOUdHSjMwUjYxRkxLRE9JMVNVTIJQVIMzNC4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=FKPgQBg02E-HRai-OC_x3Lxw8k6IrO9HhxHAICkLPqdUOUdHSjMwUjYxRkxLRE9JMVNVTIJQVIMzNC4u)

## Key worker groups

A reminder that the register for next week closes at 6pm this evening. From next week students can wear Longdean PE kit on the days they have PE on their timetable and full uniform for the other days.

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### Pupil Absence please call

Year 7: 01442 205758  
Year 8: 01442 205706  
Year 9: 01442 205703  
Year 10: 01442 205760  
Year 11: 01442 205707  
Year 12: 01442 205720

### Social Media:

PE: @LongdeanPE  
Science: @LongdeanScience  
History: @LongdeanHistory  
Film Studies: @LongdeanFilm



Signing up sheets will be sent out every Tuesday and will close at 6pm Friday each week. If you meet these deadlines you can assume your child has a place at school. If you send your child in and they are not on our list they will be sent home for that day.

### **Reporting positive covid 19 cases**

If your child receives a positive covid test result please let us know using the [covidreporting@longdean.herts.sch.uk](mailto:covidreporting@longdean.herts.sch.uk) email address.

### **And finally..**

Many thanks for all your support in this challenging week. I am sure we will find a way through together but it is going to be tough for the next few weeks. At this time please do not give yourselves or those around you to much of a hard time as everyone is doing the best they can. These tough times will not last but we as tough people will. Best wishes and take care of yourselves.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G Cunningham', written in a cursive style.

G Cunningham  
Headteacher