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## Cheney Communications

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Dear Parents, Carers, Staff, Governors and Sixth Form Students

We are very pleased indeed with how the return to school has gone. Our students have reacted fantastically to being back in school, and it is lovely to see them back. If there are students who are struggling or finding the return difficult, please talk to us, and we will try and make sensible adjustments.

### **Covid symptoms**

The most important single thing in preventing the spread of Covid is not to send children to school if they have symptoms. If in doubt, please join lessons online and book a PCR test. It is also very important not to send students to school if there is a confirmed or suspected case in the family.

We understand the desire to send children into school, and not to miss another day, but the best way of preventing another outbreak in school is not to bring the virus in. We very much appreciate parents' patience and cooperation with this.

### All Parents and Carers

**Lateral Flow Testing:** Ms Hussain has created a simple form for students who have received their Home Test Kit to let the school know their results each week: [Student Home Kit Lateral Flow Testing Results](#). All students will receive their home test kits next week, after their third test in school.

For your information, we are also sharing a very informative document, [Understanding Lateral flow Antigen Testing Cheney 2021](#), prepared by parents Dr Sally Woods-Bryan, Medical and Life Sciences Writer, and Professor Sarah Wordsworth of the Health Economics Research Centre at the Nuffield Dept. of Population Health.

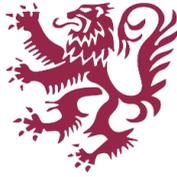
**Question and Answer session, Thursday 4 March:** if you missed the Q&A, the session was recorded: <https://youtu.be/1EgKSetmalQ>. The session covers the outline for the return to school (including entrances/exits, playgrounds, lunch and break times, cleaning, mask-wearing, non-contact, classrooms, canteen, library, live-streaming and music instrument lessons), also the in-school and home testing processes, how we will work with test and trace and advice for students who are shielding. There is also information for parents and carers of students in exam years (more below). There may have been changes in government guidance since the recording.

**New Chromebooks:** the large consignment of Chromebooks we ordered in October has finally arrived, after many delays. Although lockdown has ended, the devices will certainly not

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be wasted, and will enable us to retain the benefits of live-streaming and Google Classroom into the future. We would also like to thank all those who have contributed so generously to the appeal. The money raised will cover the cost of over 200 devices, and therefore allow us to offer a heavily subsidised computer to every child eligible for free school meals in the school (currently 320 students).

There is quite a lot of work to do with them over the next couple of weeks, but we are keen not to sit on them for a moment longer than necessary. We aim to bring all the devices we have loaned back in first, because we hold the management licenses for them and because they were given to the school by the DfE, and it is not clear that we can give them away. We will use all these devices around school, and we will issue new Chromebooks to our students.

This is our plan:

1. Bring all devices currently on loan back in.
2. Contact parents who expressed an interest in buying a device at cost.
3. Contact the parents of all children eligible for free school meals to see if they want a heavily subsidised device (parents will contribute £60 over 2 years via ParentPay).
4. Issue the devices to parents. The device will become the property of the parent, and Cheney will have no further control of it, but equally no responsibility to repair or replace it.
5. See if there are other students who would be interested in buying one at cost, or who should receive a subsidised device on the same terms as those eligible for free school meals.

Parents in the different categories mentioned above will be contacted separately in the near future.

**Immunisation Dates:** we have confirmation of the new dates for the following immunisations and will be in contact with relevant year groups directly as appropriate:

HPV catch-up: Thursday 25 March 2021- Years 8, 9,10,11,12

TDP/ MEN ACWY: Tuesday 18 May 2021 - Year 9 only

TDP/MEN ACWY catch-up. Friday 11 June 2021 - Year 9, 10, 11

**Rumble Newsletter:** [Rumble Newsletter #6](#)

**Last Day of Term:** a reminder that the last day of term for all students this term will now be Thursday April 1.

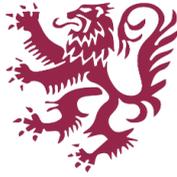
[Parents and Carers of Year 7](#)

**Parents Evening Reminder:** Year 7 Parents' Evening will take place this evening. Please make sure you are familiar with the [meeting link document and guidance](#) shared earlier this week.

[Parents and Carers of Years 10, 11, 12 & 13](#)

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**Teacher-Assessed Grades for Exams:** exams are to be replaced by teacher-assessed grades this summer. Please see [Mr Pavey's letter](#) outlining our approach to ascribing the grades.

Parents and Carers of Years 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13

**DofE Training Day for Bronze, Silver and Gold DofE students, Saturday 20 March:** Please see [Mr Lea's reminder letter](#), sent earlier today.

Year 12 Parents and Carers

**UCAS/Careers Information:** Year 12s are invited to attend our virtual UCAS/Careers Information Evening on Tuesday 16 March from 6-7pm and the virtual UCAS/Discovery Event on 20 April. Please check your in-boxes/the website for the [detailed message](#) from Mr Gimson and Ms Berry.

You will find all our letters and notices on the [website](#) and/or on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

Kind regards

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