

Weekly Communication update 14/05/21

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| <p>General Update</p> | <p>Another busy week here at Bensham Manor. Careers interviews have been continuing and some Year 11 classes and Post 16 have been going to college. Today is Pyjamarama Day where staff and pupils have dressed up in pyjamas to help raise money for the book trust. There are lots of lovely activities going on too. You will get to see these pictures in our Summer Term newsletter. There is still time to find a work experience place for your child if they are currently in Year 11.</p> <p>Parent/carer evening is on Monday May 17th. If you have yet to reply to your child's form tutor regarding your appointment time, please do so. If you do not require an appointment as you have had a recent annual review then that is absolutely fine. Many thanks.</p> <p>Key Dates: Half term - May 31st to June 4th Year 11 Graduation - Thursday June 24th (Year 11 final day) Post 16th Graduation for Post 16 Leavers - Friday July 9th (Post 16 leavers final day) Post 16 induction for remaining and new Post 16's - 12th-16th July School holidays for Years 7-10 Thursday July 22nd. Letters going to Year 11 today.</p> |
| <p>Year 10 residential</p> | <p>There have been 19 responses so far with 100% of families saying yes to a residential. We are awaiting The Old Pheasantry to get back to us with the details and once I have them I will let you know.</p> |
| <p>School meals</p> | <p>Please keep your child's dinner account in credit - good practice is to keep it a week in credit - the cost of one weeks meals is £13.75. Our policy is to call you when you are getting close to having a zero balance as we do not want you going into arrears and then having the added pressure of trying to catch up. We cannot provide a meal for your child if you are in arrears - please send your child with a packed lunch. If you are in doubt about whether or not you are entitled to free school meals then please email office@benshammanor.com</p> |
| <p>Face coverings</p> | <p>New Covid guidance comes into force next week. The main guidance which applies to schools is that your child will no longer wear a face covering in the classroom. Additionally, as we have quite a small school population and minimal gatherings in communal areas, pupils will not need to wear a face covering moving around the building but can if they choose to do so. Hand washing in each lesson, enhanced cleaning, keeping windows and doors open, social distancing (where possible), year group bubbles and lateral flow testing at home all remain the same.</p> |
| <p>Parent What's app group</p> | <p>As part of our drive to develop communication there is now a parents whats app group. This is run by a Year 10 parent and the aim is to be a supportive group ensuring everyone keeps updated. If you would like to join this group please email your name, the name of your child and your mobile number to theoffice@benshammanor.com who will ensure you are added.</p> <p>Please note: If you decide to join this group, by joining you are agreeing to adhere to the following rules:</p> <p>Any general issues with the school - you must continue to contact the school in the usual way and not use this group to discuss You will not use the group to discuss issues with staff members or other pupils The group administrator has the right to remove you from the group</p> |
| <p>Eid</p> | <p>Eid Mubarak. Lots of celebrations for Eid today. During assembly pupils had some refreshments to celebrate and learned some facts about Eid.</p> |