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Dear Parent/ Carer

School reopened to all students on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March. This is just a short update to say a big **well done** to our students and staff this week for making the return to school so positive. We were delighted to greet our students on a sunny spring-like morning and they didn't disappoint! Friendly, supportive, enthusiastic and understanding are all words we could use to describe the way in which students have returned to school. We have had a number of new students join us on Tuesday; this community ethos will really help them settle in.

You will be aware that our COVID testing site team has been relentless in ensuring its strict schedule for testing will be met. We are now entering our third round of testing for all students and will shortly be sending you information on next steps and the home testing experience. A number of volunteers have come into school to help with this significant task, to whom I am extremely grateful. They have commented on the politeness and determination of our students to get the job done without fuss. We are really proud of them all; the uptake of LFD testing is extremely high which again, supports us in making the return a safe one.

In classrooms, teaching and learning is quite strange as we are all wearing face coverings. Despite this adversity, staff are doing their utmost to ensure that all students can access their learning. During this settling in period before Easter, students will be following the normal curriculum; this may involve some review and consolidation but they will be moving forward. It will take a little while for teachers to be fully informed of how much learning (if any) has been missed due to the lockdown. There will be more formal in-class assessments for all years in the summer term. Year 10 and 12 will have two shorter mock exam windows next academic year in the autumn and spring terms. This will allow us to maximise teaching time and adjust the curriculum to ensure they have 'caught up' if needed.

Details of the centre assessed grade process will be sent separately to all Year 10, 11 and 13 parents imminently.

Finally, a note to emphasise the fact that all students must attend school from the 9<sup>th</sup> March unless they are self-isolating or ill. Our attendance protocols can be found here:

<https://kinetonhighschool.org.uk/key-information/attendance-and-absence>

Thank you to all our parents and carers for your continued support. Have a good weekend

Yours sincerely

Ms H Bridge