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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of the Spring Term, it certainly feels like there is hope on the horizon for a return to 'normality' for everyone.

On reflection, it feels like we have successfully weathered the pandemic so far without putting anyone's health and wellbeing at risk or missing out on their academic progress. The pupils, staff and parents have shown resilience, coped with change, remained curious and wherever possible acted with kindness and understanding through a difficult time.

With our blended provision of physical and virtual school we have managed to gather a great deal of evidence for the GCSEs/Arts Award for our Year 11's. Our GR6 pupils have signed off multiple citations for their ROCCIT programme. There is still work to be done and all credit to our staff and pupils for maintaining focus and motivation through an unpredictable time. Discussions about the future have been plentiful and we are meeting new pupils for GRW and GR6 for next year as well as helping pupils move onto new and exciting destinations. We are confident our pupils will reap the rewards for their efforts this year.

With all this in mind, I am happy to say that we will be returning to full-time physical education for everyone after Easter. The expectation is for all pupils to be in school for the full complement of what The Green Room has to offer. The full details are in the attached timetables.

With the gradual build up of time in school we have had this term, we hope this should not be too much of an adjustment for our pupils, but if you have any concerns about your young person and their ability to attend next term, please do not hesitate to contact me.

One of our stumbling blocks for a full timetable has been the availability of the Windsor Leisure Centre for our sporting activities. This is still going to be unavailable to us until the week commencing May 17th. However, until then we have put together a range of physical activity options that include the Clewer Community Centre and the Vansittart Road Recreation Ground. We have been given approval to use both spaces and will also be launching walking challenges for small groups. The long-awaited return of Bench ball is finally with us.

Summer Term Timetables

Please find below the confirmed timetables for GRW and GR6 starting next term. These will also be published on the pupil/parents area of our website.

Here are the important dates: End of term: Thursday, 1 April Inset day: Monday, 19 April

Return to school: Tuesday 20 April School hours: 9:45am - 2:45pm

Twice-weekly Covid testing over Easter Holidays

We have been testing our pupils twice-weekly with great success and are so pleased at how well our pupils have handled this change to their routine.

The Department for Education has requested that twice-weekly tests continue at home over the holidays for both pupils and staff. We have therefore sent your young person home with test kits this week.

Here's what you need to do:

- 1. Watch this <u>7-minute video</u> for instructions.
- 2. Assist your young person to process the test on Mondays and Thursdays
- 3. Report their test results on the NHS website
- 4. Fill in this form each time your young person takes a test for our records.

All pupils will need to test on Mondays and Thursdays throughout the holiday. It is important they test on the final Monday before returning to school (19 April 2021).

As always, please contact the school if you have any questions.

The summer term promises to bring back some of the things that make The Green Room experience so special. Plans are afoot for camping trips, mountain climbs and of course GR Fest. More details will come next term. In the meantime, please read all about our pupils' success' in our Spring newsletter.

Have a wonderful Easter break. Reconnect with those that you have missed, stay safe and be proud of all you have achieved.

With kindness,

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Richard Allen Head of School