



Herne Bay High School

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Dear Parents / Carer

The last day of spring term is upon us; the warm sun of the start of the week is fading and the chilly North wind is fast approaching. I hope that this is short lived, and the Easter Holiday gives us the opportunity to enjoy some beautiful spring days.

This week we were overwhelmed by the generosity of the Herne Bay community when a bus full of gifts and well wishes was delivered to the front of school. If you have not seen the pictures, please look on our social media pages and website: [Overwhelming gifts from the community - Herne Bay High School](#). Many of you know that I am not often lost for words, but this was one of those occasions and it is truly humbling for our staff to realise the level of support there is from our parents and community. Thank you.

Last week I wrote with numerous updates to ensure every student is prepared for the start of term 5, and rather than reiterate the same here, please revisit the letter [Principal-Update-28th-March-2021.pdf \(hernebayhigh.org\)](#).

We are anticipating some further Government directives over the Easter break. This may include changes to the expectations around testing, COVID safety measures and the general operational of practical aspects of school life. Rather than speculate today, I will write when we have the facts.

Term 5 will be busy for all year groups but, in particular, Year 11 and 13 should continue to work hard to ensure they have a strong evidence base for their summer GCSE and A level grades. Year 9 will choose their GCSE options and the booklet has already been shared by Mr Jones; you can find everything you need here: [Year 9 Options - Herne Bay High School](#). One question that we have been asked a few times is when do Year 11 and Year 13 finish for the summer. As you can appreciate, this year is very different from normal and the Department for Education are reviewing their guidelines and expectations, therefore I will update you when we have clarity from them, which we hope should be in April or early May.

I hope that you all have an enjoyable and safe Easter break, perhaps one that will allow a little more freedom and normality than recently.

From all the staff at Herne Bay High School, take care, happy Easter and see you on the 19th of April.

With kind regards

Mr Boyes
Principal