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Our Ref: EA/EB

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Dear Parents/Carers

### **End of Term Newsletter and Updates**

I hope this finds you well and that you are enjoying a good Easter holiday break. I am really looking forward to the summer term and to all we have planned. Please find some important updates and key dates for your diary.

#### **Ofsted**

Ofsted visited the school on Thursday 17 and Friday 18 March and completed a Section 8 inspection (an inspection with 2 inspectors to check our progress from our previous inspection). At the time of writing, we have not received the report but the feedback we received during the 2 days was very pleasing. As soon as I have the report, I will write to you again to share this with you.

#### **Ramadan**

The holy month of Ramadan started at the beginning of April and many of our students will be fasting during the day during April. We will support our students by providing a quiet space away from the dining areas and a place to pray should students prefer to use these spaces at social times. Ramadan Kareem to our families observing Ramadan.

#### **Uniform**

A reminder that outdoor coats and hoodies should not be worn around school. Outdoor items should be carried, kept in a locker or bag or hung up in form rooms. Now the weather is warmer, there is no need for additional layers to be worn in ventilated classrooms. Students should therefore be in their proper uniform at all times and in PE uniform on PE days.

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## Y11 Exams

Y11 students will start their GCSE exams this half term. We wish them the very best of luck during these next few months. We ask that the rest of our school community are especially considerate during this time by being quiet around school and checking room changes with form tutors in the mornings.

## Change to Break Time

We are making a slight change to the timings of break time in the morning for students as this will help with exam routines. The following changes have been made:

Year 7 and Year 8	09.50am – 10.05am
Year 9 and Year 10	10.20am – 10.35am
Year 11	10.50am – 11.05am

## Covid-19

You will be aware I am sure that the Government has removed remaining domestic restrictions in relation to Covid-19. This means that regular asymptomatic testing is no longer recommended in schools and so testing kits are no longer available. Children who are unwell and have a high temperature are advised to stay at home and avoid contact. They can go back to school when they feel better after this. Adults with a positive Covid-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice is 3 days. Testing kits will be available to purchase from pharmacies and online. We will continue to monitor case rates in school and ensure we operate safely in light of this new guidance.

## Cat Lane Canter – Sunday 24 April 11.00am Start

Before the pandemic, we hosted a race which we called the Cat Lane Canter. We are pleased to announce that the Canter is taking place again this year. Open to all ages and abilities, the fun run starts and finishes at Newfield School. If you would like to register, please follow this link:

<https://entries.events360.co.uk/events/cat-lane-canter>

## Key Dates This Half Term

Bank Holiday – School Closed	Monday 18 April
Cat Lane Canter	Sunday 24 April
Bank Holiday - School Closed Eid-al-Fitr	Monday 2 May
Assessment Week (Y7,8,9)	Tuesday 3 May – Friday 6 May
Y8 Parents' Evening	Thursday 26 May
Half Term Holiday	Monday 30 May – Friday 3 June

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Finally, thank you as ever for your support. We continue to work together to make Newfield School an exceptional school for our young people.

Yours faithfully



**Emma Anderson**  
**Headteacher**