



# KINGSWOOD SECONDARY ACADEMY

12 March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing this as our first week back post lockdown is drawing to a close, I know everyone will join me in saying how wonderful it has been to welcome our students back to their school family and to see genuinely happy and smiling faces from both students, parents and staff.

It was particularly lovely to see staff and students dress up for World Book Day, celebrating some of our much loved and well-known characters in literature and having the chance to get creative with personalising book boxes and recommendations for each other.



On that note, we would like to express our heartfelt thanks to Mrs Sogojeva and her family who have so generously donated a reading book to every single child in year 7 and 8 in order to reinforce Kingswood's commitment to the joy of reading. Thank you for your generous donation, it is very much appreciated.

It has been lovely to see students being fully inducted back into school life, re-connecting with their peers and teachers and getting to grips with face-to-face learning again. As you know we have also been conducting the compulsory testing of consenting students in all years and out of the 2,427 tests performed so far, we have had no positive Covid results which is very positive news. As we all know, once the three in school tests are complete, testing for students must continue at home for those who wish to do so following the government guidance on this.

I would like to thank the staff and volunteers who have been running the testing over the past weeks as we draw testing to a close. They have offered their time, support and professionalism which has been very much appreciated.

On that note, I would also like to thank all the key worker and site staff who have been in everyday to support our key worker students throughout the lockdown. It never fails

to amaze me just how Kingswood seem to pull together as a community and support one another throughout all of the challenges we have endured.

Finally, I am sure you will join me in sending our heartfelt condolences to Heather Clelland's family and friends who sadly lost Heather after her long and courageous battle against cancer. Her former colleagues from Kingswood and a number of students joined together to bid a final farewell to Heather as her funeral procession passed through the Kingswood gates and she will be sorely missed.



Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michelle Newman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Michelle Newman  
Principal