

# Lockdown Update 3



## Principal's Welcome

Well, what a term it has been!

I have to say that I have been blown away by our student and staff's hard work, dedication and commitment over the last six weeks. Together, we have achieved a pass rate of 60% during GCSE and Maths resits, supported pupils to sit 386 exam papers in January, helped 105 students apply for University through UCAS and supported another 25% of our students to secure apprentice-

ships all whilst achieving a 90% attendance rate!

Our staff have worked incredibly hard to offer live lessons to the normal teaching timetable, adapting their planning and pedagogy to adapt to a style of teaching that was completely alien to them less than a year ago.

Our students have shown real commitment to their studies and I know are currently revising hard for the assessment window that will open when we come back.

I am deeply proud to be leading such a community and would like to thank you all as parents and carers for the hard work and support that you have demonstrated over the course of this term.

I hope that you will be able to enjoy some well-earned rest over the next week and we look forward to keeping you informed about next steps as soon as we know more ourselves.

## Key Dates for Term 4

Friday 12th February: Last day of Term 3

Monday 22nd February: 1st day of Term 4

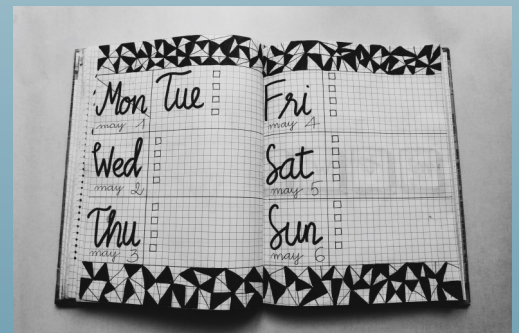
Friday 26th-Friday 5th: Assessment week

Wednesday 24th February: Information Evening for Year 11 students and parents

Wednesday 24th March: Parents Evening

Thursday 1st April: Last Teaching Day

Friday 2nd April: Last day of term and Bank Holiday



# Teaching and Learning

## Lessons in Term 4

Lessons will take place according to normal timetables for the first four days back.

Between 26th-Feb-5th March, most students will be taking assessments online. This will mean that most lessons, as well as assemblies and Academic Mentoring sessions, will not be taking place.

Some vocational lessons where assessment is continuous may still be having lessons so please encourage your son/daughter to check with their teacher if they are not sure.

We will continue to deliver online learning until the government has been able to confirm that schools can be opened safely.



## Assessments in Term 4



As per our last letter, assessments will be taking place online between 26th Feb-March 5th.

If your son / daughter has approved exam access arrangements and they would benefit from having this support on site, [complete this short form](#) (with COVID 19 risk management measures in place) to register an on-site place.

You will receive a report ahead of the Parents Evening on March 24th to enable you to discuss your son/daughter's progress with

their teachers.

## Your feedback on teaching and learning

Thank you to everyone who took the time to fill out the [Remote Learning Survey](#), your answers will help us to shape how we do things going forward.

We were overwhelmed by your responses, with over 85% of you declaring that you are "Very Satisfied" or "Quite Satisfied" with remote teaching (with 0% Quite Dissatisfied or Very Dissatisfied") and comments like the following:

*"I think that the suite of lessons has been fantastic, right from the beginning."*

*"The care and commitment from staff has been outstanding throughout. Despite the fact that everything is remote, I feel that he has had the best possible opportunity to be successful."*

*"Post 16 teachers have been very supportive of the children during this tough time and they continue to do so. I would like to thank you all very much for your ongoing support and guidance. Keep going with the great work everyone."*

## Academic Coaches

We have used the 18-19 Tuition Fund from the government to employ three Academic Coaches who started at the beginning of the term.

Michael, Natasha and Jack have been supporting students with a variety of subjects on a one-to-one or small group basis and have made a significant difference to their progress already.

We are delighted to say that we will be continuing this work until the end of the June.

You can find out more information [here](#). You can also watch a Department of Education interview with Ms Cooper [here](#)



## End of Year Assessments

We are still awaiting government guidance on how grades will be awarded.

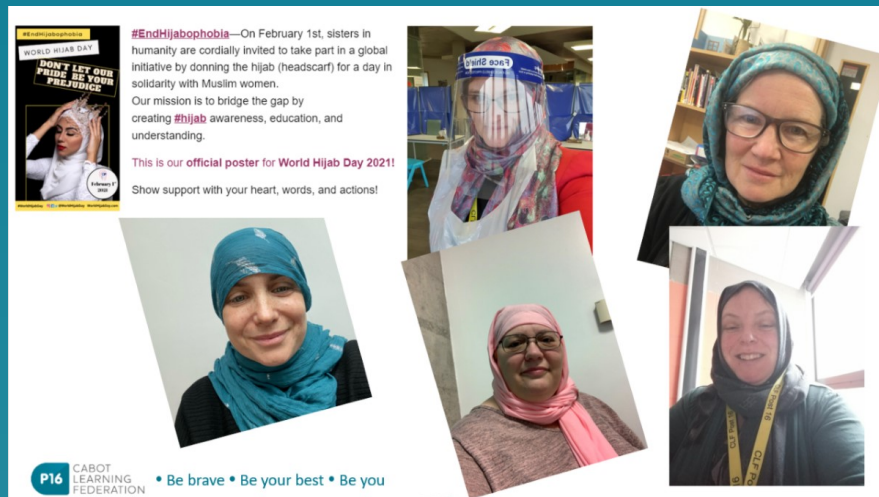
We will keep you informed as soon as we know more, however we do know that it is vital that students continue to complete the full curriculum and that they do their best during all assessment periods.

Well done to everyone who has put in so much work so far!

# Pastoral and Wellbeing

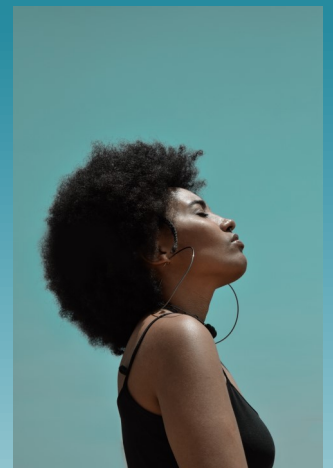
## World Hijab Day

On February 1st we were honoured to participate in World Hijab Day and to show solidarity with Muslim women and fight Hijabophobia and Islamophobia by wearing headscarfs for the day. Many of our female staff, including Ms Cooper, took part. Please find below just a few photos from the day.



## Mindfulness Sessions

We are currently offering twice-weekly online Mindfulness sessions for both students and staff. These are proving a popular way to calm thoughts and create a space to ground oneself during busy weeks. Our thanks to our fabulous Academic Coach Michael for organising these!



**OTR SHOWCASE HUB** **NEW**

For: Everyone! | Sign up: [tickettailor.com/events/otrbristol](https://tickettailor.com/events/otrbristol)

We've created the Showcase Hub - an interactive space for you to find out more about support available at OTR.

The Showcase Hub is a series of fortnightly webinars where we'll be talking all about what projects we're running, taking you through the website, and answering your questions.

Everyone's welcome - young people, parents, professionals, and anyone who would like to know more about what we do. And as we'll be using Zoom's webinar mode, you don't have to worry about being on camera!

Keep checking back to our Ticket Tailor page for new dates and to register!

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## OTR

OTR have created a Showcase Hub to learn about all the support available.

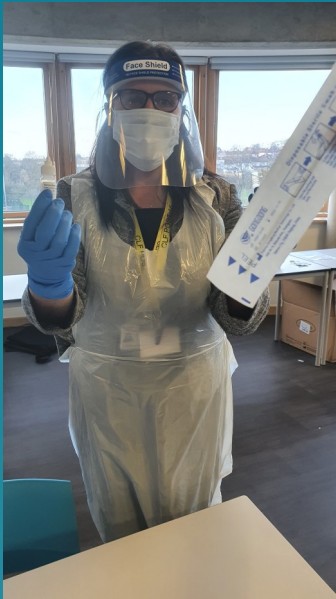
We'd recommend checking it out!



# Operations

## Free School Meal Vouchers for holidays

Students who are eligible for free school meals will receive a voucher to their CLF email address. Please keep an eye out for these.



## Lateral Flow Tests

We continue to routinely test staff and students on site and are ready to offer mass testing to all students should this be required.

We are following government guidelines very carefully. Please ensure that your son/daughter has given or withdrawn their consent for Lateral Flow Testing [here](#)

## Information Evening

Do you know anyone who might be interested in joining Post 16 next year?

We are running an Information Evening to help parents and students find out more on the 24th of February from 4:30-5:30.

[Find out more here!](#)

A promotional poster for the CLF Post 16 Information Evening. The top half features the text "Your future starts here!" in yellow and white on a dark blue background. Below this is a photo of two young women in hijabs looking at a laptop. The text "CLF Post 16 Information Evening" is overlaid on the photo, with a link to book or visit the website: www.clfpost16.org. The bottom section contains a list of topics to be discussed and the event details: Wednesday, 24th February 2021, 4:30-5:30pm. It encourages joining online for a very real experience. The CABOT Learning Federation logo is in the top right corner.

**Your future starts here!**

CABOT LEARNING FEDERATION

**CLF Post 16 Information Evening**  
(Click [here](#) to book or visit the website: [www.clfpost16.org](http://www.clfpost16.org))

Find out about the CLF Post 16 experience and about;

- Our Culture and Ethos
- Pastoral care: meet our Heads of College
- Assessment and examinations
- Teaching and learning P16 style

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