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Dear Parents/Carers

As we head into the Easter holiday, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, your children and all the staff for enabling such a successful return to school. I have been incredibly impressed with the way in which students have adapted to the testing and a return to face to face learning.

With the continued easing of restrictions, I would like to draw your attention to the government guidance summary in this week's e-Bulletin. This outlines further information on socialising outside and outdoor sport, as well as a reminder that students should continue to test twice weekly during the Easter break using the home testing kits. Please do review this guidance with your child/ren.

When we return, our Year 11 and 13 students will be working to complete assessments which will form part of the evidence base for the awarding of GCSE and A level grades. More details for parents/carers and students can be found [here](#).

The Summer Term will also see us prepare for the transition of our new Year 7 students. The Governors are aware that there continues to be pressure on secondary school places in Berkhamsted. As a result, at the request of Hertfordshire County Council, an additional 30 places have been made available for September 2021 as a temporary expansion. We are delighted that this will help ensure that as many local children as possible in the Berkhamsted and Northchurch areas are able to attend their local secondary school.

At the end of term we often say goodbye to valued friends and colleagues as they move on to new challenges. This term, we say farewell to Miss Burgum (Head of Drama) and Ms Wilson (Teacher of Art.) We wish them both the very best for the future and thank them for their hard work and commitment during their time at Ashlyns.

We wish you a safe, happy and restful Easter break and look forward to welcoming students back to school for the Summer Term at 8:35am on Monday 12 April.

Yours sincerely

James Shapland
Headteacher