

4th January 2021

Dear Parent, Carer

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy new year. Let's hope 2021 brings us renewed hope and optimism, particularly through this difficult period.

A very different start to the year for us all but a challenge that we must embrace. A reminder that all live lessons will begin at 8.45am on Tuesday 5th January through Microsoft Teams. It is important that all students log on to their Personal Tutor session every morning to receive key messages and updates. The coming weeks will need patience, perseverance and resilience, something we know our students have in abundance. Please do not hesitate to contact class teachers, personal tutors, Heads of Year and RSLs with any queries that might arise. I'm sure we will have a few bumps along the way, however, I'm confident we can continue to offer a high quality of education through our remote platforms.

As outlined in my letter last week, we have started planning for mass testing in the academy. As you can imagine there is a significant level of planning needed to ensure it is done safely and securely. If you or a family member would be willing to work as part of our testing team, please contact Mrs Nicky James (Academy Operations Manager) on njames@ormistonhorizonacademy.co.uk over the coming days. Thank you to the large number of families who have already returned their consent forms. I have attached the form to this email, please complete and return to info@ormistonhorizonacademy.co.uk by Friday 8th January if possible.

It is more important than ever that we continue to work together during these difficult times. You have my full assurances that each member of staff at OHA are fully committed in ensuring that our students are not disadvantaged by the current situation. I will be in regular contact with our community over the coming weeks with further updates.

Thank you in advance for your support and commitment.

With best regards

Andy Fitzgibbon
Principal