

December 2021

Dear parents/carers,

As we come to the end of the Autumn Term, we wanted to send you a quick update with some important information.

Firstly, we have said this regularly throughout the last couple of years but we remain proud of our students again this term and of the way they continue to adapt to all expectations. Classes are calm and purposeful and students are keen to learn and are back into good working habits.

Secondly, we intend to mark 'Christmas Jumper day' on **Friday December 17<sup>th</sup>**. Students may come to school wearing one Christmas item in return for a voluntary £1 donation to charity. On this day, students may replace one item of uniform for something 'Christmassy' or add an extra item for one day. (jumper, socks, tights, small earrings which are not dangly, tinsel bobble etc). The rest of their uniform must be correct. Skirts, trousers, shirt, blazer, tie and school shoes cannot be replaced.

Thirdly, school will finish this term for students on Wednesday December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12.30pm. We have arranged for the bus companies to come earlier.

Finally, there will be a staggered start to our Spring Term due to the Government's requirement that schools offer one lateral flow test on the premises to all students before classes begin.

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January: On this day, staff will be delivering live lessons** and \*All students in every year group are expected to log on at home and engage in live lessons.

\*All of Year 11 and all of Year 10 will be offered a lateral flow test in school as well as half of Year 7 (Form groups to follow). Students will be offline for the short period of time while they come into school for their test.

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January: School reopens for Years 10 and 11 at 8.35am.**

\*All of Year 7, 8 and 9 are expected to log on at home and engage in live lessons.

\*All of Year 8 and all of Year 9 will be offered a lateral flow test in school as well as the other half of Year 7 (Form groups to follow) Students will be offline for the short period of time while they come into school for their test.

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January: School reopens for all students as normal at 8.35am.**

A further letter will be sent next week to parents and carers of all students with appointment times for the lateral flow test together with the necessary barcodes and registration details.

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If students wash their blazer over Christmas, please remind them to remove their lunch payment card and to put it back in their pocket before the return to school.

Thank you for your continuing support as we navigate the challenges that the pandemic has gifted to us. We are very grateful to be part of such a wonderful wider community.

With every good wish for a happy and healthy Christmas and New year.

Yours sincerely,

*C. Gregory*

Claire Gregory.

Deputy Headteacher.



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