



8th December 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this letter finds you and your families well.

As we approach the end of this term, I wanted to share with you the plans for the final few days before we break up and the arrangements for the start of next term.

End of term

A reminder that on Thursday this week (9th December) we are holding our first ever Christmas market in school from 5-7.00pm. The event has proven to be extremely popular so far but we do have a few tickets still available via Eventbrite.

This term ends for all students on Friday 17th December. Students in Years 7-10 will follow their regular timetable until 12pm, when the school day will finish. Year 11 students have an English mock exam. Following the completion of the exam around 11am, all Year 11 students will finish for the term and leave school via the back gate.

Start of the spring term

Due to the government's concerns regarding the new variant of the Coronavirus (Omicron), on their return to school in January all students will be given the opportunity to take one Lateral Flow Test on school site. It is clearly in the interests of the school and our local community that as many students as possible take up this opportunity to be tested on their return to school – thank you to so many of you that have recently provided consent.

A reminder please to not send your child into school for testing or to start the term if they are exhibiting any of the Covid-19 symptoms. Testing will start on the inset day (Tuesday 4th January) and follow the below schedule:

Tuesday 4th January

Year 11 Lateral Flow Testing. Term starting for all Year 11 students on Wednesday 5th Jan.

Wednesday 5th January

Years 10 and 9 Lateral Flow Testing. Term starting for all Year 10 and 9 students on Thursday 6th Jan.

Thursday 6th January

Years 8 and 7 Lateral Flow Testing. Term starting for all Year 8 and 7 students on Friday 7th Jan.

Further details will follow before the end of term regarding the times students will be invited into school for their LFT on the above date.

Over the next few weeks and during the Christmas holidays, please remind your child to continue to use Lateral Flow Tests twice-weekly (on a Sunday and Wednesday is recommended by the government).

To say that 2021 has been another interesting year for us all is somewhat of an understatement! However, despite the uncertainty we have continued to face, our students have been fantastic. Well done to them and thank you as always to all of our parents and carers for your continued hard work and support. May I take this opportunity to wish you all a lovely Christmas break and all the best for the New Year. I will write to you again at the start of next term with any updates regarding the pandemic and the term ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Clare Harris
Head of School