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Dear parents and carers,

Please see my weekly update below



Year 9 and 10

I am pleased to inform you that Year 10 will return to the academy on Monday for face-to-face learning, however, due to staff capacity Year 9 will remain on home learning for Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th. I will assess the situation on Tuesday and hope to inform Year 9 parents of a school return for Wednesday 16th December.

Covid-19

This week we have seen positive cases of both staff and students which has led to home learning for a class bubble in Year 7 and 8. This again acts as a reminder to us all about the importance of following government guidance when your child is at school and also when out in the community. As you know, we have worked with Public Health England in order to ensure that our school is as Covid safe as it can be whilst ensuring school remains purposeful and productive for all students. I also wanted to ask for your help with regards to some further potential safety measures for our students to further reduce the risk of students needing to isolate over the Christmas break.

Therefore, we would ask parents to talk to their child about how many different students they spend time with at break or lunch but also outside of school. The more contacts a child spends time with, the greater the risk that they will need to isolate. This is a risk that families understandably may be happy to take but we wanted to make sure we had explained this clearly before the festive period.

Please be assured that in school we continue to do all that we can with regards to ensuring students wear face coverings inside the buildings, follow one-way systems, use sanitiser and regularly wash hands to keep everyone as safe as possible. Given the relatively low number of cases for such a large school, we believe that these measures have been effective in preventing the spread of the virus.

Next week I will outline the details of how to report a positive Covid case over the Christmas period.

DfE announcement

You may be aware that on Wednesday this week the DfE announced that they are advising schools to close on Thursday 17th December, not Friday 18th as advertised on our website. This will now mean the end of term will be Thursday 17th at 2.30pm, more detail about this will follow in a letter on Monday. For those students who are currently isolating and due back on Friday the 18th this will now mean that they are not back in the academy until January 5th 2021.



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Christmas activities

Today we held Christmas Jumper day, thank you to all parents and students who supported this, it was lovely to see so many of our students, in particular Year 7 joining in. Next week we will have Christmas Lunch details can be found on our website.

Just a quick reminder school closes at 2.30pm Monday – Thursday next week.

As always I would like to thank you for your continued support. We really appreciate the number of emails, calls and messages we have had with positive feedback from you. Support from parents and carers is invaluable and we are so proud of our students and how well they have responded to the new expectations this term which will keep them as safe as possible.

Yours sincerely

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