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Dear Parent/Carers,

As we reach the end of the first term of the academic year, I wanted to take this opportunity to again, thank you all for your support since September.

We still face daily challenges navigating around the impact of the pandemic on the whole school community.

I want to publicly thank each and every member of school staff who continue to go 'the extra mile' every day. They work extremely hard and frequently give up their own time to support the needs of our students and the school. We simply could not do this without them!

End of Term

School closes at 12.10pm on Tuesday, 21st December 2021. Students who would like a hot or cold food option will be able to get this during an extended break time on the day.

Test to Return

The Government have recently advised that schools should request students are tested for Covid-19 prior to returning to classes in the New Year. Our testing day will be on Wednesday 5th January 2022. Please find below arrival times for your child's year group. Please ensure your child arrives for their allotted time:

- 9-10 Yr7
- 10-11 Yr8
- 11-12 Yr9
- 12.30-1.30 Yr10
- 1.30-2.30 Yr11

Please only send your child in on this day if you have completed the consent form on Classcharts that was sent out in December.

Start of Term

Students return to school on Thursday, 6th January 2022 and are to be on site by 08:35am in full school / PE uniform as usual.

Ofsted Inspection

I am delighted to be able to publicly share with you the update that, following a full Ofsted inspection on 19th and 20th October 2021, the school is no longer classed as 'Inadequate.' It is pleasing that Ofsted recognised the progress the school has made as well as our ambitious plans for the future. The full report can be found here: <https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50173319>

Positive Covid Result

If your child tests positive at any point during the holidays, please inform us by calling the following number 0151 433 3160. Usual isolation rules apply during this period. Details of these can be found here <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/daily-rapid-testing-for-covid-19-contacts-launches-this-week>

Masks

Please can I remind parents / carers and students that at the time this letter was written, masks are advised to be worn in communal areas of the school and on public transport. Please ensure you child has their mask each day.

Buses

In my last letter, I informed you that I had contacted Arriva and Stagecoach to raise some issues that some students report they experience when using public transport. I'm pleased to say that Matt Davies (Managing Director of Stagecoach Merseyside) and Howard Farrall (Area Managing Director of Arriva) have both engaged with me in an effort to improve services. In addition, our prefect team surveyed students to hear first-hand the issues they have faced. We will now present this information back to the bus companies. I will keep you and the students updated with any responses I receive.

Assessments and Parent / Carer Evenings

Year 10 and 11 students have recently sat their first set of assessments which were conducted under official examination conditions.

I am delighted to inform you that their conduct was exemplary during this period. They showed integrity, resilience and positivity. All excellent qualities which help lay solid foundations for when they sit their 'real' GCSE examinations.

For your convenience, please find below dates for assessment weeks and parent / carer evenings for this academic year.

Assessment Weeks:

Year Group	Assessment Week One	Assessment Week Two
7	17 th -21 st January 2022	2 nd – 6 th May 2022
8	17 th -21 st January 2022	2 nd – 6 th May 2022
9	17 th -21 st January 2022	2 nd – 6 th May 2022
10	29 th November – 3 rd December 2021	Mock Exams 6 th – 17 th June 2022
11	Mock Exams – 28 th February – 11 th March 2022	GCSE Exams begin 2 nd May 2022

Parent / Carer Evenings:

Year Group	Date	Time
7	Thursday, 23 rd June 2022	4 – 6pm

8	Thursday, 9 th June 2022	4 – 6pm
9	Thursday, 10 th March 2022	4 – 6pm
10	Thursday, 13 th January 2022	4 – 6pm
11	Thursday, 20 th January 2022	4 – 6pm
Year 11 Exam Preparation Evening (for students and parents/carers)	Tuesday 15 th February 2022	TBC

Finally may I take the opportunity wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs G Cousineau
Head of School