

PARENT FORUM 03 12 21

Welcome to the final parent forum this year. We will resume in January 2022.

Hackney Foodbank starting and collections are being made, the Christmas tree up in reception.

Liturgies will take place the last week of term with the new chaplain, Kimberley Fernandes.

AP1 week next week for Years 7-10 & 12. All timetables distributed and students have been briefed. The information has been shared on the website including topic lists for revision purposes. Year 11 & 13 had their mock examinations a few weeks ago.

After AP1 is the final week of school, a series of activities taking place for rewards week and a chance to have DIRT week (directed improvement and redrafting time), which involves staff going through the marked papers with students to ensure they know how to improve their grades going forward. This happens after the examinations and into the New Year and helps for the next assessment points and to consolidate knowledge over time. Other activities take place during AP1 it is not just a week of examinations.

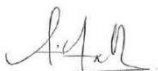
Are students marked down for presentation and spelling? Not in Year 7, in GCSE examinations you are only marked positively. Some questions you will get additional marks for grammar and spelling. There will be a spelling test as part of AP1. Spelling tests will be taken online. Ms Toma oversees the school's literacy work please feel free to contact her with any queries.

Public examinations have not taken place in the last two years. No notification has been given yet of any cancellations for 2022, we are preparing for full examinations to take place.

COVID: Schools were asked to do testing last year and we have been asked to return to this in January. They have also asked us to use masks in communal areas, corridors and the main hall. The exception is in the canteen when seated or outside. They are also not required in classrooms, please note Cardinal Pole did not stop wearing of masks in communal areas, so will continue as we have done. We made a decision to defer the Year 11 & 13 Parents' Evenings to mitigate less contact. Selected students being met with in years 10 & 11 on the first day back in January. Some Year 13 students will be re-sitting some examinations.

This forum is intended to be on a bi-weekly basis, during Covid this went to a weekly basis. However, we will revert back to every two weeks in the New Year. The HOY forums will continue as normal.

Thank you for your support this term and feedback. Have a very happy and Holy Christmas. Next Parent Forum will be in January, invites to be sent out via email upon our return to school.



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