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Dear Parents/Carers

As we move towards the end of term, staff are been busy marking exams for Years 7-10 and 12 and planning for further interventions which will begin after Christmas and last until May. Well done to the students who are sitting their AP1 assessments, their behaviour has been exceptional. Results of their assessments will be shared with you in the New Year, we are awaiting further guidance from the Government outlining proposed adaptations to examinations in 2022 in the New Year also and will be shared when more is known.

Advent is a special time in the Christian calendar, a time of waiting, preparation and anticipation for both the celebration of the Nativity of Christ and the return of Christ at the Second Coming. As a school, as part of our preparations, we are holding assemblies which help is to acknowledge all the gifts and wealth we have, whether that is in material wealth or the love and friendship of our friends and family, and the need to share these with our neighbour, just as the Kings did on their journey. Our annual fundraising during the season of Advent has begun and we are asking students to find kind and creative ways of raising what funds they can to donate to CAFOD and to reflect on what they offer our community. Each individual act of kindness, selflessness and thoughtfulness, however small, builds us as a Christ centred community. As always we would like to extend our thanks to you, our parents/carers for your continued support.

Year 7 Carol Service/Christmas Cards

Our Year 7 Carol Service takes place on Tuesday 14th December at St Dominic's Church at 1.30pm, they have been working very hard to ensure this is a success. All parents/carers are invited to attend but you must notify us in advance in order to control numbers.

May I remind parents/carers that there is still time to purchase packs of our student designed Christmas cards.

Associate Headteacher Parent Forum

Thank you for your support at these meetings. To ensure these Forums are as productive and informative as possible, these will now be conducted on a fortnightly basis from Friday 7th January at 10am. The HOY forums continue.

Face Coverings/Lateral Flow Tests

You may be aware of the rising Covid numbers in Hackney compared to the rest of the country and with this in mind and our forthcoming festivities and family celebrations we may need to curtail some of our events as you may have already seen with parents' evening. I ask you to continue to carry out home testing on a regular basis, to ensure that we can all have a very happy and Holy Christmas together without any further restrictions being placed on us. To further support this, we will continue to wear appropriate face coverings in the communal areas of the school building.

Uniform and Uniform Support/Swapping

School uniforms are important in establishing the right ethos in a school. Please note that from January non-school coats will be confiscated and kept in the Year Team office and not returned until collected by parents/carers as handing them back at the end of the day has not changed the number of uniform breaches. All students should be wearing the Cardinal Pole school coat except Year 11 and the Sixth Form who are permitted to wear plain black coats. If there is a financial issue, please contact your Head of Year as we are conscious that for some families, buying and replacing uniforms can be a challenge – especially at this time of year. These issues should be raised



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with the Head of Year or Pastoral Support Manager as we want to maintain high standards but do not want your child to be cold. We are also looking at how we can support some form of 'uniform swop' at the school. If you have any uniform that you would like to donate, this is always welcome. Please note that we ensure that it is cleaned before it is re-cycled.

Key Dates

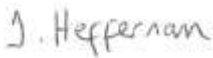
Below are some key dates for your information, some of which, may be subject to change:-

Dates	Event
Week Commencing Monday 13 th December 2021	Rewards Week
Tuesday 14 th December 2021	Year 7 Carol Service at St Dominic's Church at 1.30pm
Friday 17 th December 2021	Last Day of Term (early closure)
Tuesday 4 th January 2022	Selected Year 10 & 11 students only in school
Wednesday 5 th January 2022	Whole School Return

I will update you on arrangements for the end of term shortly.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



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