



14th December 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to let you know the end of term arrangements as there are many events taking place including cinema reward trips, Christmas lunches, liturgies and the Year 7 Carol Service.

You will be aware of the recent difficulties the school has had with regards to our hot water and gas supplies and without the difficulties of staff cover during this new outbreak of Omicron and are now only able to accommodate select students on site on Thursday 16th and Friday 17th December. **If your child is required to be in school on these days, they will be written to separately. Otherwise, work will be set for them via Show My Homework in Years 7 & 8 and Microsoft Teams in all other year groups.**

Please note that the school office and reception will be closed from 12noon on Friday 17th December 2022.

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

As per the recent Government announcements, schools will be required to re-commence the student Lateral Flow Testing upon their return to school in January 2022. Please see below the dates and times that each year group will be tested. Tests will be held in the school library. Year 9-13 students will be dismissed after testing on Wednesday 5th January 2022. Year 7 & 8 students will remain in school after testing on Thursday 6th January. To further support our school community's safety, we will continue to wear appropriate face coverings in the communal areas of the school building.

Year Group	Date	Testing Slot
Year 13	Wednesday 5 th January 2022	9am-10am
Year 12	Wednesday 5 th January 2022	10am-11am
Year 11	Wednesday 5 th January 2022	11am-12.15pm
Year 10	Wednesday 5 th January 2022	12.45pm-2pm
Year 9	Wednesday 5 th January 2022	2pm-3.30pm
Year 7	Thursday 6 th January 2022	8.30am-10.30am
Year 8	Thursday 6 th January 2022	11.10am-12.40pm

Key Dates

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

Dates	Event
Thursday 16 th December 2021	Select Students Only Including all Year 12 & 13 CTEC Business Students
Friday 17 th December 2021	Select Students Only
Tuesday 4 th January 2022	Selected Year 10, 11 & 13 students only in school
Wednesday 5 th January 2022	Selected Year 11 & 13 Students Lateral Flow Testing for Year 9-13 Students
Thursday 6 th January 2022	Whole School Returns at 11am (except Year 7)

Change to the School Day

Please see below details of a small change to the school day as follows. This will enable the school to provide a seated hot lunch to more students:-

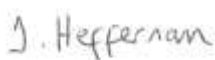
Gate Closes	8.30am
Registration & Prep	8:35am-9:00am
Period 1	9:00am-9:50am
Period 2	9:50am-10:40am
BREAK TIME (Lunch for Years 10 & 11 in the canteen)	10:40am-11.10am
Period 3	11:10am-12:00noon
Period 4	12:00noon-12:50pm
LUNCH TIME (Lunch for Years 7, 8 & 9 in the canteen)	12:50pm-1.20pm
Period 5	1:20pm-2:10pm
Period 6	2:10-3:00pm
Dismissal	3pm
Extra-Curricular Clubs (will resume w/c 10th January 2022)	3pm-4pm (full details of individual clubs are on the school website)

All students will now receive two 30 minute breaks in the school day. Years 10 & 11 will be offered a priority lunch at break time, this is particularly useful as we head towards examination season when many students choose to use their lunchtime for additional study. If students in Years 10 & 11 wish to eat in the lunch time slot, they are welcome to, but they will need to queue with the other year groups. Sixth Form students are free to have their lunch at either break or lunchtime.

Apart from Year 7 who will be attending school as normal for Lateral Flow Testing on Thursday 6th January 2021, the rest of the school will have a late start school in order to give families a chance to attend Mass together in their Parish for the Feast of Epiphany, students should go to form for registration at 11am, moving to their period 3 lesson afterwards.

I wish you and your family a happy and Holy Christmas. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



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