

13th December

Dear Parents and Carers;

Can I start by thanking you all for your ongoing support; it has been a long term with many important events successfully undertaken despite the interruptions of Covid. This letter aims to bring you up to speed with all recent events and outline the plans that take us up to Christmas and into next term.

### **Taster Day for Year 11 and Mock Results**

A separate letter has been sent out to year 11 to indicate the plans for this. The taster day aims to provide all year 11 students with a flavour of what it is like to be a Sixth form student and to try out courses to see if they are worth pursuing next year. At the end of the Taster day all pupils will receive their Mock exam results. Please ask your child to show you these and discuss the results with them. Each child in year 11 will receive a 1:1 interview in the week beginning 16th January to talk through their results and plan for their next steps after school, so it is worth having a conversation to prompt them into thinking about what their results will mean for them.

### **End of term arrangements and start of term**

For years 7-11 the last day of term is 17th December, with the school day ending as normal at 3:00pm. The last day for Sixth Form is 16th December, this is to facilitate the use of the Sixth Form spaces for Year 11 who will be having a Taster day on 17th December.

**School opens again on Wednesday 5th January at 8:40am.**

### **Covid Testing**

As you will be aware the country has moved to “Plan B”, a higher alert status than before due to the rise in Covid cases and the new Omicron variant. **It is essential that you continue to test your child using an LFT kit twice each week throughout the Christmas holiday and in addition on 4th January 2022.** If on this date your test strip shows two lines and is positive, please keep your child at home until a PCR has been completed. As per government instruction, for all those who have consented to testing, a further LFT test will be undertaken in school during lesson times in the first week back to support the national crackdown on tackling this disease.

### **Ofsted**

You should have received the letter with our latest Ofsted report recently. If you did not, please see the school website.

## **Reading**

One of the most important projects we are currently working on as a school is to create a reading culture across the school. We know how important it is that our young people leave school being able to read, but also enjoying and choosing to read. Not only does being a good reader make it more likely that young people can make informed choices about how they choose to live their lives as global citizens, but reading for pleasure is vital in helping young people to become more rounded people who can live their lives to their fullest: curious, engaged, caring.

With this in mind, I would like to draw your attention to the fact that from January, something to read will become an expected part of your child's essential school equipment every day, in the same way as a pen, pencil and ruler are considered essential equipment at the moment. From January, your child will be expected to spend the first five minutes of each lesson reading independently. I would like to advise you therefore that from January we will be expecting your child to bring such reading material into school every day. Any of the following might be appropriate for your child to read:

- fiction book
- non-fiction book (biography, autobiography, published essays)
- magazine
- Manga or other comic book
- graphic novel
- revision guide

It goes without saying that anything your child brings into school to read must be age and subject appropriate: your child's tutor and teachers will be able to guide you and them on this. If you have any questions about what reading material to provide for your child, or are unsure about this, please do contact Mr Hill, who leads on reading in school. His email address is [l.hill1@asa.hslt.academy](mailto:l.hill1@asa.hslt.academy)

## **Letters home**

It has been brought to my attention that a number of parents have not been receiving their letters. Each letter is delivered in three ways, firstly via a text message link, secondly as a link on Facebook and lastly on the website. Edulink is the App used to send out all pupil information, it is important as parents that you check this periodically and also keep your contact details on the App up to date, otherwise texts may not be delivered as we would expect.

We are sending out a survey to all parents to see whether there is also an appetite to return to hard copies of letters for those who are struggling to access electronic forms of communication. Please take the time to complete it by clicking on this link: [Letters home survey](#)

**School Show and other events:**

It was with considerable regret that due to Covid restrictions we had to postpone the school show and other events. Please be reassured that this is most definitely only a postponement. We have already scheduled a proposed date for the show in the next half-term, so please keep an eye out for further news.

Once again, can I thank you as parents for your hard work in supporting your children as they returned to the routine of school this term. Thank you too for continually checking your child's planner and noting their homework, celebrating their successes and taking action where required if your child is not yet meeting our standards, as seen by codes or detentions.

I know you would like to join me in thanking the staff who work tirelessly to support your child to lead the best life possible. May we all now gain from a restful and peaceful Christmas break.

With warmest wishes



Mrs H Dowds  
Executive Principal

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