

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It is very pleasing to be able to write to you this week after having all of the students attending every day. Hopefully we are beginning to see the number of Covid cases slowly abating, allowing us to return to something that looks a little more like normal.

Public Health England have been in contact and were very complimentary of all the measures we have put in place and all the efforts our school community have made to keep everyone safe. They have informed us that staff can revert to testing only twice a week over the half-term break, instead of every day. We will be testing every day when we return in November however, just to try to prevent a further escalation in positive cases.

Enterprise

The Year 10 Enterprise Team, led by Ms Heller, had a fantastic Thursday, selling all the Halloween merchandise they had made over the last few weeks. It was a really positive and enjoyable experience for all concerned and I would like to thank everyone involved for a wonderful day.

Christmas Extravaganza

We are still preparing for our Christmas Extravaganza on Thursday 16th December, so please ensure you keep this date free in your diaries. We are planning on having a barbeque and hot drinks, lots of live music, and for every Year Group to run a stall. We hope to see you there.

Term Dates

Please take note of the term dates highlighted below, as they differ slightly from those originally published. The Dates have also been changed on the website to avoid any confusion.

Friday 17th December 2021

Term ends at 2:00pm

Tuesday 4th January 2022

First day for students

Reports and Parents' Evening This Term

As explained in the newsletter on 17th September 2021, we are committed to maintaining excellent communication links with parents. You will receive one of the below every term so that you can follow the progress your child is making in school.

- A data report
- A full written report
- A Parents' Evening



As long as Public Health England allow us to have visitors on site, the programme for this term will be as follows:

- We will be holding a Parents' Evening for Years 7, 9 and 11 on 2nd December from 4pm–6pm
- Year 8 will have a data report on 26th November
- The Year 10s will receive a full written report on 26th November.

Please make a note in your diaries for the parents' evenings. The timetable is published again below for your convenience.

Year	Autumn Term	Date	Spring Term	Date	Summer Term	Date
Year 7	Parents' Evening	2/12/21	Full written report	27/01/22	Parents' Evening	23/06/22
Year 8	Data Report	26/11/21	Parents' Evening	17/03/22	Full written report	10/06/22
Year 9	Parents' Evening	2/12/21	Full written report	25/02/22	Parents' Evening	23/06/22
Year 10	Full written report	26/11/21	Parents' Evening	17/03/22	Data Report	10/06/22
Year 11	Parents' Evening	2/12/21	Full written report	25/03/22	Parents' Evening	23/06/22

Cleaning and Cleaners

As I am sure you are all aware, cleaning has become so important to keep Covid cases down and keep us all safe. Consequently we are desperate to appoint more cleaners and although we have repeatedly advertised we haven't had many takers. If you are looking for work outside of school hours, or know someone who is, please contact us through the School Office by calling (01438) 747274 and ask for our Business Manager, Paula Frost.

Half Term Break

There will not be a letter for the next two Fridays as we will be on half term. I hope you all have a relaxing, safe and enjoyable break, and look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 1st November.

Yours sincerely



David Pearce
Headteacher