



October 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

As we reach the end of a very busy first half term we just wanted to write and update you on what has happened over the last 8 weeks.

The 'Step Up' initiative which we launched back in June was a huge success and meant that students hit the ground running in September. The in-house COVID testing team worked flat out to minimise the delays to all year groups returning and since then we have not stopped. We have seen a return to face to face parents' evenings, we have hosted 2 successful student recruitment events, we have seen assessments and data reports for 4 out of the 7 year groups and students have really embraced the return to wider opportunities, with a total of 278 separate students taking part in an extracurricular activity.

The number of COVID-19 cases remains relatively stable at the moment but it is really important that students continue to test over the half term break so that we can ensure a safe return in November.

In terms of logistics, we would like to draw your attention to an amendment to the calendar. The Queen's extended Jubilee celebrations are coming up in 2022 and a second bank holiday has been added on Friday 3 June 2022. As such, we have altered our calendar in the following way:-

- Friday 7 January 2022 will now be a holiday instead of a staff INSET day. School will reopen on Monday 10 January 2022 to all staff and students.
- Friday 18 February 2022 will now be an INSET day and school will be closed to all students.

Thanks for all of your support since September and we hope you and your families have a restful half term.

Yours sincerely

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Executive Principal

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