

Our Ref: DWt/LPu

15th October 2021

Dear Parent/Carers,

I hope that the week has gone well for you all and that you are all safe and well. As ever a great deal going on and hopefully what is below gives you answers to a few questions as well as keeping you abreast of the main events.

COVID-19 update

We currently have a total of 19 positive tests over the last week that were shared with us from the tests that you are all assisting with at home twice a week. I know of one school that has had to switch to a part-remote model due to the number of positive staff cases they have had. We still need to be vigilant but proportionate at the same time.

A reminder that Years 8-11 are due to have their COVID-19 vaccinations at school on Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th October. Again, we are just the host school and the immunisation team from the NHS will be sorting out consent and the logistics as I have emailed that letter before.

Home Learning

There have been lots of emails this week and last about our new Tassomai Home Learning app which our youngsters have been using since we returned in September. Please do keep encouraging all to complete their tasks from each of the three buckets. It is designed to be a daily homework so it maximises their memory recall and makes assessments easier in the long-term.

As I have said before, we are only one of two schools in the country who are using Tassomai in this way and we are very excited about the benefits it brings. We now just need all of our youngsters to do their Home Learning everyday so they can reap the rewards.

You may have noticed that some youngsters are leaving a few minutes earlier on certain days. This is when their teaching member of staff has to support with those completing their homework in the performance hall. Once all are regularly completing their homework then there will be no need for this.

Uniform donations

A huge thank you to all who have donated used, unwanted or new and outgrown uniform. We have had bags and bags and this really will help us to ensure all are looking smart and ready to learn each day.

Moving forward

We look forward to welcoming our Year 11 Parents and Carers at our Consultation Evening this coming Thursday. The layout will look a little different when you join us but we will be on hand to

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show you where everyone is. We would encourage you to wear a face-covering but it is of course down to personal choice.

Very best wishes,



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