

CLO/jr
December 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

As we draw to the end of this very busy first term of this academic year 2021-2022, may I begin by thanking you all for your support; it has been quite a challenge with many students and staff testing positive for COVID, ensuring our COVID measures that are in place are still robust as well as trying to make this term begin to feel as 'normal' as possible by bringing back as many events, trips and extra-curricular activities as possible.

As always our winter newsletter provides you with specific stories of success and our parent member's area of the website contains lots of additional information for you to browse through; **(Username: parents, Password: wildern).**

The purpose of this letter is to make you aware of some key dates and the end of term arrangements. On **Friday 17 December 2021 the school will close at 1.30pm**. Students will be able to purchase food at Break 1 should they wish to. Regrettably there will be no bus service from the school site although as is always the case on days of early closure, normal bus services remain unaffected.

Start of Spring term:

Tuesday 4 January 2022 – we are required to carry out LFD testing for students at the start of term. (More information will be coming out to parents/carers shortly)

Wednesday 5 January will be a normal school day. Please note that it will be a **Week A**.

I would like to take this opportunity to highlight some key dates for the rest of the term:-

Wednesday 12 January:	Year 10 Parents Evening
Wednesday 19 January:	WINK – Year 8 Pathways
Week Beginning 24 January:	Year 10 Practice Exams start
Wednesday 26 January:	Year 8 Parents Evening
Wednesday 9 February:	WINK – E-Safety
Friday 18 February:	School breaks up for Half-term
Monday 28 February:	Inset Day
Tuesday 1 March:	School re-opens
Wednesday 2 March	WINK – How to support your child's spelling
Thursday 3 March:	World Book Day
Wednesday 9 March:	Year 11 Parents Evening 2
Wednesday 23 March:	WINK – Relationships, Sex Education (RSE)
Wednesday 30 March:	Easter Dance Showcase
Thursday 7 April:	School closes for the Easter Holiday
Friday 8 April:	Inset Day
Monday 25 April:	School opens for the Summer Term

Just a reminder, the last day of the summer term is **Thursday 21 July 2021**.

As always, please help us maintain our warm relationships with our neighbours by being considerate when picking and dropping off students. In particular, not blocking driveways, parking on grass verges or parking in resident only areas. This thoughtfulness is much appreciated.

Over this term, we have tried our very best to support each and every student. No doubt there are things we as a school have got wrong, but very little has been straightforward and the education landscape is shifting, once more, as I write. We appreciate all the very supportive emails we have had this term; in difficult times it has given all my colleagues a great lift. We appreciate your understanding of the arrangements and compromises we have had to make this half-term due to staff absence.

I hope your Christmas is as wonderful as Buddy in 'Elf' describes, ***“First, we’ll make snow angels for two hours, then we’ll go ice skating, then we’ll eat a whole roll of Toll House cookie dough as fast as we can, and then we’ll snuggle.”***

Have a happy Christmas holiday filled with magical moments, fun-filled activities and lots of laughter.

With very best wishes

Mrs C Oakley
Headteacher