## **Half Term Update**



Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Dear Parents,

Wishing you all a wonderful half term break. Don't forget half term begins on Wednesday 20th October and we looking forward to seeing you all again on Monday 1st November.

## **Asymptomatic Testing**

Our case numbers have reduced significantly so a huge thank you to all for taking the necessary steps to keep our community as safe as possible, especially Year 8 who have been daily testing. From Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October, Year 8's can return to the normal twice weekly testing over the holidays and we will review if a return to daily testing is required when we return in November.

Please remember all staff and all pupils in Years 7 and 8 along with the parents of any school aged child, are asked to use an LFD test twice a week as part of asymptomatic testing. All results, positive, negative or void should be reported on the gov.uk website here: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result">https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result</a> and all positive results should be notified to the academy.

## **Vaccinations**

We have not yet been notified of our date, for all (parent consenting) pupils to receive their Flu vaccinations or COVID Vaccination for 12-15 year olds. We know that there is a short response time for giving consent, once we do have the date and also that it should take place soon after half term, so please look out for communications regarding this in November.

## **Climate Emergency Sessions**

Somerset Youth Parliament is running a free session aimed at pupils in Years 7 and 8, via Zoom on Monday 18 October, 6.15pm to 8.30pm, to learn more about the county's plans, listen to key speakers including Rebecca Pow MP (Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs) and have an opportunity to ask questions and contribute their own thoughts and ideas. You can find out more information here: somerset-climate-emergency

Yours Sincerely,





