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Head of School

Mr M. Davies

Re: End of Term and January Arrangements

As we approach the end of our first term, I would like to confirm the end of term arrangements. In addition to the updates about the final week this letter also contains vital information about the return in January with instructions about the testing for Covid-19 before returning and the Inset days.

Friday 17th December – Last Day of Term Arrangements

The final day of term will be on Friday 17th December and **all students will finish school at 12:25pm**. This day will also be our Christmas Jumper Day and the final day of our Food Bank collection, full details of these events are contained in this letter.

Christmas Jumper Day and Foodbank Collection

On the final day of this term, Friday 17th December, we will be holding a Christmas Jumper Day in order to collect donations for the Trussell Trust Food Bank in Dukinfield. Donations will be collected in form rooms across the week starting from Monday 13th December. Donations can be any non-perishable food items or small toiletry items. The items that are most in need for the food bank and items we are looking to collect through the donations are:

Cereal • Soup • Pasta • Rice • Tinned tomatoes/ pasta sauce • Lentils, beans and pulses • Tinned meat • Tinned vegetables • Tea/coffee • Tinned fruit • Biscuits • UHT milk • Fruit juice

Toiletries – Deodorant • Toilet paper • Shower gel • Shaving gel • Shampoo • Soap Toothbrushes • Toothpaste • Hand wipes

Any items that can be donated will be gratefully received and will massively help support the local food bank which is relied on significantly, especially at this time of year. Items can be given to form tutors throughout the week and all food items will be collected by the Food Bank on Friday afternoon.

Christmas Jumpers and Non-Uniform

Please be aware that this event is a non-uniform and Christmas jumper event, but not a fancy-dress day. Whilst we encourage students to get into the festive spirit with their Christmas jumpers, **we respectfully request that students dress appropriately and avoid costumes, finsel or short/ripped clothing which would be impractical for learning.**

Further to this, normal rules around make-up, jewellery and mobile phones continue to apply, and as per our usual policy, coats and hats are encouraged when outside in cold weather conditions but should be removed when entering the school building.

January Return Covid Testing and INSET Days

As you may already be aware, the government has announced that upon return to school in January 2022, students should complete one on-site COVID-19 test. The purpose of this testing programme is to reduce the prevalence of COVID-19 within our school community and keep everyone safe. We strongly encourage all students to take part in our testing programme with their parent / carer's consent.



Students whose parents / carers **do not** wish for their child to take part in the testing programme **should return to school with the rest of their year group in line with the timetable below**. To book a test on the dates listed by year groups below, please use the links next to the relevant year groups date. Consent can be given through the booking system. Please ensure you book a time for a test through his booking system to ensure that we have a record of who has given consent for testing and to enable the testing staff to manage the testing process efficiently and safely.

In order to carry out the tests before students return, we will be staggering the return to school with students testing on the day prior to them returning to school. The testing and return dates are as follows:

Year Groups	Testing Date	Booking Link	Return to School
Years 11 and 10	Wednesday 5th January 11:30am – 2:30pm	Booking Form 10+11	Thursday 6th January 8:40am
Years 7,8 and 9	Thursday 6th January 11:30am – 2:30pm	Booking Form 7,8 + 9	Friday 7th January 8:40am

Year 11 reports and Mock Timetable

Year 11 reports have been e-mailed home to families this week alongside a revision guidance booklet to support students with their mock examination preparation. The revision guidance booklet has also been sent to all students via Class Charts and their school e-mail account. Subject teachers will provide additional subject specific guidance via Class Charts.

Year 11 mock examinations will commence Monday 10th January 2022 and will run over a two-week period, please see the mock examination timetable attached. **It is crucial all students prepare and complete their mock examinations to their full potential as these will provide a key piece of evidence to inform Teacher Assessed Grades should the Summer Examinations 2022 be cancelled.** Currently the Summer Examinations 2022 are still scheduled to take place.

Expectations for Uniform including Jewellery for January return

The Autumn term has seen a significant number of learners receiving excellence points for their contributions in school. Please can I remind parents that to view this data daily you need to register for ClassCharts. Please can I also ask that prior to return to school in January, students ensure that their uniform follows the school policy and that any piercings, false nails or nail polish that are removed ready for the first day back.

Students are not to wear jewellery to school and any jewellery worn in school will be confiscated and a one-hour detention will be issued, students will be able collect any confiscated jewellery from the school office at the end of the school day.

SEND

A reminder to all SEND parents that you can make appointments with the SEND team if you wish to at any parents evening throughout the year regardless of which year group your child is in. If you wish to meet the Assistant SENDCo Mrs. Emma Cowling, please do not hesitate in contacting the school and request a call back or a meeting. Homework club is on currently in the Aspire Centre during the following times, providing a supportive environment for students completing homework, with Inclusion staff available to help.

Monday 2.55 - 3.55pm
Tuesday 2.55-3.55pm
Wednesday 2.55-3.55pm
Friday 2.55-3.45pm

Our next Parent Information Evening for SEND parents will be held on the **27th January 2022** **5 -6pm**, hopefully this will be a face to face session with refreshments provided. Please join us for an opportunity to find out more about the MAAT pathway, the referral system and answer some of your general questions.

I hope that the above communication provides you with all of the information that you need in relation to the end of this term and the beginning of next term, however, if you have any questions, please email admin@rshs.spt.ac.uk or telephone on 0161 338 2374

I wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Davies'.

Mr M. Davies

Head of School