

29th November 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

End of Term Newsletter Autumn 2021.

It is hard to think that we have nearly completed the first term of this academic year and how quickly the time has gone.

We have managed to achieve a lot of things this term including trips to Wigan and Leigh College, local shops, the Slavery Museum and Manchester Metropolitan University. The students also took part in a Health and Wellbeing Day at Scotsman Flash which was a great success and one we hope to repeat in the summer when the water is warmer!

Work has been carried out to improve the school grounds and facilities and we hope that the redevelopment of the poly-tunnel is just the first step. Watch this space!

There have been a lot of new students and staff and I would like to welcome:

- Marc Mulligan (Outdoor Education)
- Yvonne Fairhurst (Teaching Assistant)
- Hayley Hewitt (Teaching Assistant)
- Aaron Jackson (Student Teacher)

A remote consultation evening has been organised for **Wednesday December 8th 2021** which will allow you to talk to your child's form tutor about progress this term. This will be carried out on Teams. Please could you complete the attached form and return it to school by **Friday 3rd December** if you would like an appointment.

As you may have seen in the news over the weekend, there is a great deal of concern over the new omicron variant of COVID. The Government have advised that all schools need to make provision to minimise spread and have asked that face masks are used in public areas in school and on transport to and from school. We realise that many of our students find this difficult but as far as possible, we feel that this needs to be adhered to protect not just our school community but also your families over Christmas and beyond. The Government have also suggested that Lateral Flow Tests will be reintroduced into school after the holidays. Currently, households should be testing twice a week and we will continue to provide tests. Thank you for your continued support in this area.

The last week of school is usually a time when we invite our extended community into school to join in our celebrations but given the current concerns, unfortunately we feel that we need to be mindful of reducing footfall so we will not be implementing our usual family events this year.

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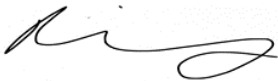
For the last week the students will be invited to take part in:

- Friday 10th December - Christmas Jumper Day £2.00 Donation to Save the Children.
- Wednesday 15th December – Christmas Lunch
- Thursday 16th December – Enterprise Day
- Friday 17th December – Christmas Celebration Day.

Please note that school will close at 1.00 on Friday 17th December so your child will be home earlier than usual that day. School will reopen on Wednesday 5th January 2022.

Can I take this opportunity on behalf of all the staff to wish all of you a peaceful and safe Christmas and we look forward to seeing all the students back in January.

Richard King.



Director of Pre-16 Education

Ed Hanley.



Headteacher

Student: _____

I do / do not * require an appointment for the Parent Consultation Afternoon on Wednesday 8th December 2021. (* Delete as appropriate)

Staff will be available from 3.00 till 4.30 for 10-minute slots.

1st preference _____

2nd preference _____

3rd preference _____

Signed _____

