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YEAR 10 news Letter



In school lateral flow device (LFD) testing availability 4 to 7 January



We are pleased to offer your child a lateral flow test during the first school week back from Tuesday 4 until Friday 7 January. To give consent for this to happen, we ask that parents/carers click [here](https://forms.office.com/r/WkZH8Ck16r) or use the link below to fill in the necessary details required.

<https://forms.office.com/r/WkZH8Ck16r>

LFD kits will be issued this week so that your child/children can test at least twice a week over the holidays. Students can also obtain an LFD kit from Student Services. Please could you ensure that one test is reserved for Monday 3 January prior to returning to school on Tuesday 4 January.

Have a good christmas break and a happy new year.

Regards
Mr Erwin



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85% “ My child does well at this school ”
OF PARENTS SAY

93% “ My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school ”
OF PARENTS SAY

88% “ The school has high expectations for my child ”
OF PARENTS SAY

88% “ I would recommend this school to another parent ”
OF PARENTS SAY

93% “ My child is happy at this school ”
OF PARENTS SAY

93% “ There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school ”
OF PARENTS SAY

95% “ My child feels safe at this school ”
OF PARENTS SAY

79% “ The school supports my child's wider personal development ”
OF PARENTS SAY

89% “ The school lets me know how my child is doing ”
OF PARENTS SAY

YOU'VE RATED US



See overleaf for what we're working on following your feedback

WHAT WE ARE WORKING ON



With your feedback we're working towards a five star rating.

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YOU SAID ABOUT ...

Not enough information about clubs and trips

We have posted all clubs and activities on our website and will continue to update this as new opportunities arise. Please visit <https://www.kscs.org.uk/curriculum/kscs-enrichment-programme>



Homework needing to be posted on ClassCharts and set readily

This is now the platform for capturing what homework is set. To access Classcharts please visit the following link: <https://www.classcharts.com/parent/login>



Regular communication

I send out communication as when necessary to avoid bombarding you. However, Heads of Year will now be sending out a half termly newsletter to keep you up-to-date. You can also view these here: <https://www.kscs.org.uk/view-letters-home>



Not having contact back when calling in.

We aim to respond to phone calls and emails received within two – five school days. We are developing an escalation system whereby if responses are not received within this time period you are able to escalate this so a senior leader with the principal also being informed.

Monitoring of the corridors during movement time

We have enhanced our corridor patrols and have spoken to students about the respect agenda to younger students. We continue to monitor this issue.

Access to toilets

Students with medical needs will be issued with cards. If a child with a card needs to go to the toilet, then this must be respected. Unless it is an emergency, students have two breaks during the day to go to toilet.

More SEND provision

We have appointed three additional HLTA to support the expanding SEND needs just this term. We hope this will allow us to be able to reach out to more students. We are limited to resources and do need to prioritise at times.

More information on curriculum

We have set several targets to communicate even more about what your child is learning, including homework and what resources can be used to support them at home. This includes stretching the more able as well.

More support for neuro-diverse students

We have set up a committee supported by trained staff on this issue. Like the student council, the group will have the opportunity to meet with the principal and other key members of staff every half term to discuss how as a school we become even more inclusive in all aspects of what we do.

More detailed academic reporting

We have committed to ensuring students and parents received detailed information about what topics and how we are assessing in Years 11 and Post116 throughout the year leading up to the final examinations. We aim to review the Attitude to Learning guidance this year and ensure subject evenings are impactful

NEXT STEPS FOR THE SCHOOL (WE DID)

Year 10, It is that time of year:

One term in your pocket and only two more terms this year to go! Year 10 have settled into this year well and we are truly on our way *sleighting* it...no pun intended!

Please, please, please rest over this Christmas half term break and enjoy the simple things in life that are around, such as family and friends, getting recharged and refuelled so you can give 100 percent to your education when you come back.



We will have extra revision groups for Maths, English and Science, please come and see me if you think this will help you. We have several after school extra-curricular activities for you to get involved in including cooking, sports and homework club. We also have Paul Gill, father of the professional boxer, Jordan Gill who held the Commonwealth featherweight title in 2018, running an after-school boxing club on Monday's from 3:15 -4:30pm, which is also very successful. Paul Gill reports all the students are showing dedication and hard work. He is very impressed with the standard of behaviour and work.

I have visited Year 10 tutor groups on a regular basis and our reading program is well embedded now and our students are getting to read a variety of books. Continuing to engage this will most definitely benefit you in all aspects of your education. Please make sure to return to school on Tuesday 4th January in full uniform, looking as smart as always and ready to learn.

Have a great Christmas and wishing you all well for the New Year and 2022.

Mr Reed
Head of Year 10



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Our Non-Uniform Day raised:

£1087.22

for CHILDREN IN NEED!

Thank you for your contribution!

Our Christmas Jumper Day raised £294.06 for SAVE THE CHILDREN! Thank You to all for your donations, and fabulous Yuletide jumpers!



Save the Children



We wish you

Merry Christmas
and happy new Year!



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