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Dear Parents/Carers

WEEKLY UPDATE

Please be advised that we are now starting to see an increase in confirmed Covid cases amongst our staff and students. Can I remind you of the importance of regular LFT and to report to the Attendance Officer any confirmed cases. All Covid cases need to be recorded and logged separately.

As a result of staff absence, we had no alternative but to close the school to Y9 students today. Y9 students are to return on Monday as normal. We have taken the necessary step of closing the school to Y8 students on Monday (22 November 2021) to manage staff absences. Students are to follow their normal timetable and all work will be available on Google Classrooms. This unfortunate decision has been taken to ensure that we have the capacity to keep other year groups fully open and for the health and safety of our school community.

A special well done to all Y11's for completing their Mocks. All students took this very seriously and were fully engaged with the process. We look forward to congratulating them on their grades to reflect their hard work. Parents will be notified of the outcome and their protected predicted grades in the next couple of weeks.

I would like to make all parents aware of the dangers of "cannabis-laced" sweets. These sweets are advertised on social media platforms and may look innocent but they are dangerous. There is no way of knowing what is inside these "sweets". Police in Surrey have reported that some of these sweets have contained MDMA, which is a Class A drug because of its harmful side effects on health. Police are urging schools, parents and carers to make their children aware of this issue and also to be mindful of the possible food packaging/wrappers with wording such as CBD or THC suggesting items are cannabis oil infused. All our students have been made aware of this issue during Form Time this week. Please see the picture below for some examples of these sweet wrappers. We have told our students not to accept sweets from people, especially people they do not know, and if students are in doubt of any suspicious sweets or have any information regarding this, they are to report it to a member of staff immediately. Any student bringing these "sweets" into school will face an immediate exclusion.



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Students have been reminded this week that we are “mobile phone” free school. Any student that is seen with their mobile phone out during the school day, even just holding it, the phone will be confiscated until the end of the day. The phone can be collected by the pupil at the end of the day and in some circumstances parents may be called to come and collect the phone. Students who refuse to comply will receive an exclusion.

I remind parents that students must attend their C3 detentions when issued. Parents are notified of C3 detentions 24 hours in advance via text and a phone call/email/voicemail from the teacher. Reminder slips are now being delivered to all pupils during P5 where the teacher will escort students to their relevant year group detention room at the end of the day. All pupils must complete their C3s in order to comply with our Behaviour Policy. Failure to do so will result in a fixed term exclusion.

Further to my letter of last week please be advised that History Intervention for Y11 students on Saturday will begin next week and not this week as previously advertised.

On Tuesday 23 November 2021, Y9 students will be involved in a First Give workshop. You will remember from previous letters that they have been fundraising for their chosen charities and the winning group will receive a £1,000 for their charity. Y9's have taken this seriously and it is a pleasure to see them come together for such worthwhile causes.

On Friday 26 November 2021, students in Y7 to Y10 will be fortunate to watch a performance by 'Here At Last', one of the UKs most exciting new Pop acts with over 2.5 million followers on TikTok. The band will perform but more importantly they will be talking to students about their experiences with mental health and cyberbullying. There will also be an opportunity for pupils to ask the band questions. I look forward to sharing more information next week.

As always, thank you for your support, keep safe, keep well and have a great weekend!

Yours faithfully



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