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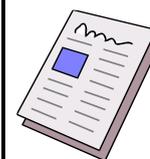
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*'learning and
achieving together'*

Christmas Newsletter



Wow, the term has flown by and what a busy term it has been all with a backdrop of partial restrictions in place due to COVID.



From settling in all our new starters to focussing on our subject work; taking part in special events and activities both in and out of school; to organising all the various meetings that have to take place; to the Christmas and end of term festivities.

All our students and staff have been remarkable and we should be proud of them.

As we move into the New Year and a new term; new schemes of work and programmes of study will be followed and we will be starting all the planning that focusses on those who are leaving us at the end of the summer and getting ready again for the next academic year.

The climate is ever changing and we continue to be as prepared as we can be to respond to those changes. (see over)

In the meantime.....HO! HO! HO! Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year to everyone.



Return to school
on
**Tuesday 4th
January**



Covid –19 Latest Updated Guidance—Dec 2021

TESTING

From Tuesday 14th December a new national approach to daily testing comes into place for close contacts of anyone who is positive in relation to COVID –19.

All adults who are fully vaccinated and children aged 5-18yrs and 6 months should take a Lateral Flow Device Test (LFD) for 7 days instead of self isolating.

If the daily test is negative they can continue attending the education settings or continue with normal activities following the current guidance about face covering etc.

However, if a daily test is positive or they begin with symptoms they must take a PCR test and self isolate until the result of that is known.

If the PCR test is positive they must continue to isolate for a 10 day period and not return to school. If it is negative they no longer need to self isolate but should continue with the LFD tests for the rest of the 7 day period.

Anyone over 18 years and 6 months who are NOT vaccinated MUST self isolate with immediate effect if they are a close contact of a positive case.

Children under 5 years old do not need to self isolate or take part in daily testing.

It is important that ALL students of secondary age and ALL the education workforce continue with twice weekly LFD tests and report them appropriately throughout the holiday period and prior to the start of term.

Further updates to the COVID –19 national guidance and/or restrictions will continue to be announced by the Government and should be followed accordingly.