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Dear Parent/Carer

**Covid-19 including testing and plans for the vaccination of healthy 12 to 15 year olds, flu vaccinations, Year 7 set changes, Year 7 Staying Safe Day, GL testing, Enrichment including extra-curricular clubs**

I really love my school.

This week has been very busy because it has been Open Week but there has been a palpable step change since the beginning of term in terms of standards of uniform, attitudes and behaviour which is very pleasing to see across all year groups and is having a significant positive impact on our daily lives at the Academy.

In addition, it was amazing to see 150 subject champions volunteering on Wednesday evening in support of the Academy's open evening. What a brilliant evening we had - it was our busiest ever! I am sorry if the traffic in the local area was a little slower than usual on Wednesday as our site was completely full for the event.

**Covid-19 including testing and plans for the vaccination of healthy 12 to 15 year olds**

It is clear that, three weeks into term, some schools are beginning to see a rapid uptick in cases of Covid-19 in the county. Thankfully, we are not yet in this position and I am glad that our risk assessment and operational management plans are holding firm. However, I remain alive to the latest data and will respond accordingly should the situation change.

With this in mind, it is of vital importance to stress the role of asymptomatic testing in keeping infections away from schools and the wider community as much as possible. Please encourage your youngster to test every Wednesday and Sunday using the latest LFT nasal swab kits at home. They are eminently less invasive than in the past and take only 15 minutes to provide a result. These tests are for asymptomatic cases only. Should your child present with symptoms of Covid-19, please do not take a lateral flow test. In these instances, only a PCR test should be taken at your local testing centre.

Since receiving letters from Lincolnshire County Council in the first two weeks of term regarding set up for a Covid-19 vaccination programme from 27 September it has gone a bit quiet. I can only assume that there is a more immediate focus on the upcoming flu vaccinations (more below).

If any parents have any other concerns related to Covid-19 in school, please contact us at the Academy using the email address [COVID@srpa.co.uk](mailto:COVID@srpa.co.uk).

### Flu vaccinations

These will take place in school next Tuesday and Wednesday and will be led in full by the Schools Age Immunisation Service (SAIS). Almost 700 students have parental consent thus far. If you are yet to action this having received the letter from the NHS, please do so before Tuesday in order for your child to receive their vaccination.

### Year 7 set changes

It is our intention to place Year 7 into updated sets for Monday and to reprint all timetables. We are completing this piece of work urgently so that youngsters can settle into a good routine. If you have any concerns or queries in this regard, please contact our Key Stage 3 Director of Achievement, Mr Kirk at [gkirk@srpa.co.uk](mailto:gkirk@srpa.co.uk).

### Year 7 Staying Safe Day

This annual event will take place next Tuesday and will cover themes such as online safety, alcohol awareness, anti-social behaviour, fire safety and healthy relationships. Year 7 will be off timetable all day. I hope they learn a lot and really enjoy it!

### GL testing

This will continue for the coming weeks until completed across the year groups. Please continue to ask your child to bring a pair of headphones, if possible, to minimise sharing with Covid-19 in mind.

### Enrichment including extra-curricular activities

Mr Griffiths has now published our raft of available clubs on the website under **Our Curriculum, Personal Development, Enrichment Programme**. Please ask your child to take advantage of these fabulous opportunities. There are fifty clubs this year!

As the week comes to an end and with four weeks to go until half term, we are approaching a crucial stage in our academic year. Year 7 are getting to grips with the building for the first time



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along with Year 8 who have been used to bubbles, Year 9 are beginning their journey towards options choices in earnest, Year 10 have begun their GCSE journey and the career pathway towards post 16, Year 11 and 13 have mock examinations not that far away and Year 12 are beginning their sixth form experience. The Academy is a hive of activity, anticipation and no small amount of excitement as we have bedded in some great routines since the academic year began. I am, therefore, reminded of a quote from Jane Austen in Sense and Sensibility when she writes that “It isn’t what we say or think that defines us, but what we do.”

Let’s keep doing the right things together and success will follow. Have a lovely weekend when it comes.

I will write again soon.

Yours faithfully



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