



21 October 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Covid-19 including testing and plans for the vaccination of healthy 12 to 15 year olds and home testing kits, sixth form open evening - 3 November & application round, House Captain Awards, INSET Day tomorrow, uniform and winter coat donations

Our first half term of the academic year is almost over. Where has the time gone? It has been a half term of challenges, positives, new experiences and surprises as we navigate the 'new normal' Covid has brought us and try to ensure that all year groups have a positive time in school now that we are almost back in full swing. We have seen Year 7 settle in well to their secondary education and seen our examination year groups begin their last few months prior to formal examinations with real purpose.

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Covid cases are on the rise nationally in and out of schools and we are no exception. We continue to follow the latest guidance but I have one eye on new risk mitigations as we approach the winter months in earnest. Any change to our current approach will be evidence based and after taking advice from Public Health England. Should I feel the need to do this I will be in touch with you as soon as possible.

By now, you should have received the NHS letter detailing how healthy 12 to 15 year olds can access a Covid-19 vaccination during half term at community vaccination centres. It is unclear if this will extend beyond half term but is the best chance to get vaccinated prior to the Academy return on 1 November. At the time of writing, we have a very loose and provisional vaccination date for our second day in school which has not yet been confirmed by SAIS but is in mid-November. I will confirm in due course once this is firmed up.

All home testing kits will be sent home with students today and we encourage students to continue to test twice weekly on Sundays and Wednesdays.

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.

Sixth form open evening - 3 November and application round

Our application round for entry to Year 12 in September 2022 has opened. Students wishing to enter the sixth form received their prospectus yesterday and some further guidance from our sixth form team and existing post 16 students.

Our open evening will take place on Wednesday 3 November at the Academy from 6pm until 8pm and will provide a chance for students and parents/carers to tour our facilities and meet the sixth form team as well as our Student Senior Leadership Team representatives. All departments offering post 16 courses will be available to discuss their offer too.

We will close our application round on 15 November and begin sixth form interviews immediately in order to complete them prior to Christmas.

For any further details regarding entry to the sixth form, please see our website under the **Our sixth form** tab or email Mr Griffiths at igriffiths@srpa.co.uk.

House Captain Awards

We are delighted to confirm a number of our wonderful young people in their new House Captain roles:

	Tudor	Stuart	Windsor	York	Lancaster
KS3 House Captain	Jake H Becca C	Shannon P Szymon G	Anya B Ryan C	William S Sophie N	Jared B Niahm R
KS4 House Captain	Oliver R Abigail W	Livia B Leo W	Bess H Joe G	Elliot S Grace P	Anna H
KS3 Deputy House Captain	Ethan H Thomas B	Carly R Daniel P	Summer H Jack T	McKenzie G-C Isabelle S	Kyla D Aiden N
KS4 Deputy House Captain	Maddison K Harry B	Izzi T	Ruby R Tom B	Luke B Neve J	Evie E Milena R

INSET Day tomorrow

We are holding an Autumn term INSET Day tomorrow. Students will return on Monday 1 November.

Uniform and winter coat donations

We would be incredibly grateful to receive any second hand winter coats or academy uniform items which are no longer needed. The pandemic has not been kind to some members of our community and this would make a massive difference. These items can be dropped off by parents at our Main Reception or taken to Student Reception by youngsters when back in school.



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As we approach the half term break, it is important to thank all students, parents and carers for their support since September. Our students have really done themselves proud since their return and it is heartening to receive so many well wishes from parents. I remain very grateful. However, the pandemic is not over and we continue to work in acute circumstances regardless of the loosening of restrictions over more recent months. To this end, I must also thank my entire staff team. They consistently show fortitude, good humour and exceptional compassion for our youngsters and each other which makes our Academy the school it is. In the words of Mother Teresa, "I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things."

I hope that you enjoy a restful break with your children. We will see them all ready to go again on Monday 1 November.

I will write again soon.

Yours faithfully



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