



5 November 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

**Covid-19 including testing and plans for the vaccination of healthy 12 to 15 year olds, sixth form open evening and application round, Year 13 mock examinations, curriculum recovery plans, Student Council, National Online Safety reaccreditation**

As the end of the first week is upon us it has been a really positive start to the half term as you will see below.

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

We continue to encourage twice weekly testing at home on Wednesdays and Sundays using home LFT kits. This week, our second Covid-19 vaccination day has been finalised for 17 November for all healthy 12 to 15 year olds who have not yet received their jab and wish to. Consent can continue to be given using the letter and code sent out before half term.

**Sixth form open evening and application round**

It was wonderful to see such a large attendance at our open evening this week and I am really encouraged for the future to see so many of our youngsters wishing to stay on into our successful sixth form. I must give thanks to all staff and senior students who attended to support on the evening but special thanks must go to our Head Boy, Scott, who also passed his driving test the same morning. He definitely had a big day!

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 [jgriffiths@srpa.co.uk](mailto:jgriffiths@srpa.co.uk).

**Year 13 mock examinations**

This examination series begins next week with Year 11 to follow in three weeks.

## Curriculum recovery plans

We are beginning to plan for trips going out of the Academy and for more performances and guest speakers coming in. With this in mind, we begin with performances of Jekyll and Hyde on Monday for some sets in Years 9, 10 and 11. This represents the final part of our collaborative project which our top set Year 11 students have been taking part in since the beginning of Year 10.

## Student Council

Our first student council meeting took place this week with 77 fantastic leaders in attendance. House Captains, Deputy House Captains and Form Representatives all came together to share student voice and have been allocated their roles and responsibilities for the coming term. It was a pleasure to greet them and begin to see their work bear fruit.

## National Online Safety School reaccreditation

The Academy has, once again and for three years in a row, been reaccredited as a national online safety school for our approaches to cyber safety, awareness and education. Thank you to all parents who completed their training in this sphere and supported the Academy in this award. It has never been more important to cover this in a modern curriculum so I am delighted that we have hit this national benchmark yet again.

This half term always feels like a long one because the clocks have changed, we are in the mock examination season and we march towards Christmas in earnest. As such, I am reminded of the words of former Romanian Olympic gymnast Nadia Comaneci who said “Enjoy the journey and try to get better every day. And don’t lose the passion and the love for what you do.”

We believe in our mission here and look forward to working closely with you until the festive period begins.

Have a lovely weekend when it comes.



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I will write again soon.

Yours faithfully



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