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Dear Parent/Carer

Covid-19 including testing and plans for the vaccination of healthy 12 to 15 year olds, home testing kits plus flu vaccinations, sixth form application round, bus route data collection exercise, policy on keeping staff safe, health and wellbeing bulletin, colours ties nominations, Year 11 and Year 13 intervention timetables

It has been an extremely busy week with planned theatre productions on site, the beginning of year 13 mock examinations and a really awful road traffic accident. Our youngsters continue to behave themselves well on site and are benefitting from the return to routines after half term. Some important announcements below:

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

We continue to encourage twice weekly testing at home on Wednesdays and Sundays using home LFT kits. Next week, our second Covid-19 vaccination day will take place on 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.

I can also confirm that the NHS SAIS team will be returning to the Academy on Monday 29 November to complete the outstanding flu vaccinations. The NHS SAIS team will manage all consents and inform us the day before. If you have not done so already and wish to, please contact the NHS SAIS team directly as previously communicated.

Sixth form application round

Our application round remains open until next Monday. Sixth form interviews will begin 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 **Sixth Form** tab or email Mr Griffiths at jgriffiths@srpa.co.uk.

Bus route data collection exercise

You may have seen the headlines yesterday with regard to the 544 bus which tipped into a ditch off Meadow Lane. I attended the scene with one of my senior leaders. Fortunately, this incident ended better than the press headlines suggested and there were no really serious

injuries. However, this was just good luck. As part of our post-incident analysis, it has become clear that some parents did not access the MS form we sent out early in the year in order to update details regarding bus routes. It is because of incidents like this that we try to hold updated data in this area. Please be good enough to update your child's bus details with us using this link if you have not already done so: <https://forms.office.com/r/jEcJYfsJRr>. Thank you.

In relation to this incident I have spoken to the Managing Director of Stagecoach who I was very impressed with. We have always found this partnership to be valuable and I expect that this will continue after our exchange of views.

Policy on Keeping Staff Safe

We have implemented a new policy called 'Keeping Staff Safe' given the rise in abuse towards colleagues that we have seen over the past two years. This has been ratified by our full Governing Body. In the rare event that we need to instigate this policy it outlines the approach that we may take if parents, visitors or contractors do not behave reasonably. The policy can be found on our website under the **About us/Policies** tab. Thank you for your understanding with this.

Health and Wellbeing bulletin

Please find attached our Health and Wellbeing bulletin for Term 2. I am sure you will find this interesting and see the importance of us all keeping fit, particularly with the current situation we all find ourselves in. Congratulations to all the staff members who completed the Lincoln 10K in appalling weather conditions, raising over £1000 for St Barnabas.

Colours Ties Nominations

It is that time in the term again when we ask for nominations for the above. If you wish to nominate your child in any of the five disciplines (music, drama, sport, charity fundraising or leadership in or out of school) then we would be happy to hear from you. Please email my PA, Mrs Goffe, at agoffe@srpa.co.uk.

Year 11 and Year 13 Intervention Timetables

Please find this attached with my letter to support students in the lead up to mock examinations later this month.



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As the mock examination season is upon us for Year 13 and Year 11 is just around the corner I wanted to find a quote which accurately sums up the seasonal challenges ahead. Thomas Eddison once said “Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work.”

It is never too late to ‘get your hands dirty’ and make real progress in your learning.

Have a lovely weekend when it comes.

I will write again soon.

Yours faithfully



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