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Dear Parent/Carer

Covid-19 including testing, Reporting and Year 9 options week plans, Fundraising last Friday, Friday night social club, A Date with Dan – Online safety Q&A, Office 365

Welcome to my final letter of the term. This has been a term packed full of events and activities as you will have seen from our termly newsletter published on Wednesday. I will keep this week's letter short, with only small updates.

Covid-19 including testing

Your child should have received their latest allocation of home test kits before the end of term. We continue to encourage twice weekly testing at home on Wednesdays and Sundays using home LFT kits. We will replenish your home test kits next term.

Reporting and Year 9 options week plans

Reports have been published this week for Years 7-10, 12 and 13. To assist with the first part of the Year 9 options process, Year 9 students will see their GCSE targets and teacher expected grades on their reports for the first time.

At the time of writing, it is my intention that Year 9 options evening will be a virtual event with more details sent out in January. In order to aid our efficient planning, it made sense given the current uncertainties surrounding the latest Covid-19 variant and the recent national guidance to wear masks in communal parts of the building.

Our options guide for students and parents will be published before this time at the beginning of options week to support the whole process.

Fundraising last Friday

Last Friday, we raised £953.43 from our non-uniform day which will be shared across our charities. This is a remarkable feat given the pandemic.

A Date with Dan – Online safety Q&A

LCC recently held an Online Safety Q and A for Parents. This session can now be viewed here: [A Date with Dan Online Safety Parent Session - YouTube](#)

Dan covered common questions that we are asked by parents. As the holidays are almost upon us and youngsters may well spend more time online, I enclose the links for you to access:

- <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/> - Parental control guides for consoles, home broadband, entertainment apps and more.
- <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/> - Thinkuknow. A website with more information about grooming, how to talk to children about online risk and how to manage their safety online.
- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxMnZ02SI1AbtIhq-m3rrVQ> - LSCP YouTube Channel. Has a number of videos for parents, carers and professionals on subjects such as grooming, sexting, parental controls and more.
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iklditnqmf8> – A video on gaming for primary age students
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QSkQYrlxvBI&t=1s> – A video about indecent image sharing (Sexting) for teens
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=un_0GYcs8Ts&t=1s – A video about managing group chats for primary age students

Friday night social club – One NK Leisure

I have been contacted by One NK leisure centre across the road from us. They are starting a Friday night social club for those aged 11-16 to try and help tackle anti-social behaviour in the area. There will be a range of activities available each week. The sessions start on 14th January 7pm-9pm. I attach a poster with this letter.

Office 365

Christmas is the time of giving and I wanted to close my updates with a bit of good news for you.

As part of our continued Microsoft licensing agreement we are able to offer additional homework support to our students. Each student is entitled to install a copy of Microsoft Office on their home device (Windows and Apple computers) for free. Whilst we still recommend the use of our remote access system for our students to get the full school desktop experience, this will fully equip our students with the correct resources. To find instructions on how to access your free copy of office, please follow the guidance on our website <https://srpa.co.uk/about-us/advice-for-working-from-home/> and look for the **Installing Microsoft Office download**.

I must take the time to thank my staff for their commitment, hard work and fortitude since September. We have seen trips running again, clubs in full flow every day, intervention sessions for examinations and much more. They work hard because they believe in what we are doing and what we stand for.



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Thank you to all parents and carers too for the continued faith you show in us.

As Christmas approaches, my son encourages me to sit and take in a Christmas film or too. I try to resist as he has no issue with watching them in September! While I prefer Die Hard (yes it is a Christmas movie) to Home Alone, I found myself watching The Polar Express recently. I dare anyone to watch it and not feel a bit more festive. I make a point on Christmas Eve evening of standing outside the front door and staring up at the stars for a short time, just in case....

Which leads me to my final quote of the term from the film which sums up the magic of the season: "Seeing is believing, but sometimes the most real things in the world are the things we can't see."

I hope you find the time to be kind to yourselves and others over the Christmas break. I look forward to seeing all of our youngsters back at the Academy on Tuesday 4 January.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all of us at SRPA.

I will write again soon.

Yours faithfully



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