



OLD BUCKENHAM  
HIGH SCHOOL

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18<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

As we come to the end of a very busy and tiring term I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. I think it is also important to recognise and formally thank the staff of OBHS who have continued to work extremely hard to ensure our students get the very best education under these difficult circumstances.

As I have mentioned in my earlier correspondence, our students have stepped up to the challenge of bubbles, face coverings and all the other changes to our routines in a way that has made me extremely proud. This is reflected in the winter edition of the Gazette which you will be receiving shortly.

The school continues to improve amidst the disruption, the MUGA should be completed in January giving our students a well deserved upgrade to our P.E. facilities and our new allotment is taking shape.

I had hoped to end my letter here, however with the announcement at the very end of term about intended school closure I have to tell you how saddened and upset I am that all our students will not be returning straight after Christmas. What is clear is that Year 11 will be returning on January 5<sup>th</sup> and all other year groups will follow our remote learning arrangements. Key worker and students who we consider as vulnerable will also be in school from the 5<sup>th</sup>. It is anticipated that this arrangement will last for the first week of term. Further information will follow regarding school transportation and our laptop lending scheme. With regard to covid testing, schools have received little information on how this will be rolled out, again further information to follow. I will continue to keep you informed of further details and arrangements and make sure we provide the very best education for all under these challenging circumstances. I also think it is very important that both staff and students have the opportunity for rest and recuperation during the holiday.

With very best wishes,

Mr A Fell  
Headteacher

