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22nd October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

As we come to the end of the first full half term of the academic year, I thought it important to write to you to thank you for your continued support. As you know Covid-19 is still a real and present issue for us and the wider community and we continue to work as hard as we can to ensure our school remains as close to 'normal' as possible. Our students continue to impress me with how well they conduct themselves both in lessons and around the school.

As we know Covid-19 numbers are rising and it may be necessary to bring restrictions into the school, however, at the moment we are planning all the events that would take place in the second half of this term including Year 11 mocks, Christmas church service and inter-house activities. We are hopeful that we will be able to run our calendar of events successfully, but this will rely on us working together as a school community to continue to make decisions which limit the transmission of Covid-19.

Guidance from the NCC and Sapientia Education Trust recommendations are as follows:

- Staff and students are to stay at home when unwell and take a PCR test if they have any symptoms of Covid-19.
- Classrooms are to remain well-ventilated. Students will continue to be permitted to wear coats indoors over the Winter months.
- Vaccination is vital in reducing transmission and preventing illness from Covid-19. Staff and pupils should, where eligible and able, are strongly encouraged to get vaccinated as soon as possible.
- Students and staff should continue to take twice weekly lateral flow device (LFD) testing.

Before returning to school after the half term break, we would strongly recommend all students completing an LFD test – ideally on Sunday 31st October. We would appreciate your support with this and will be reminding all staff of the importance of this too.

While so much of our time is spent talking about Covid-19, we are keen to hear your thoughts and views on the school as a whole. To help us to reflect on how we are doing, and plan for the future, I have included a short parent survey [here](#) which I would be very grateful if you could complete. Have a relaxing holiday.

Yours sincerely,

Mr A Fell
Headteacher

