



Dear Parents and Carers

I thought it might be helpful to remind you about the arrangements for the end of term and also update you on the start of the January term.

- 1) **End of Term.** The last day of term is Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. The school will close to students at 12:20 pm which is the end of period 3. Students will have normal curriculum lessons during periods 1 & 2 and then will be with their tutor groups during period 3 where there will be a live assembly.
- 2) **Start of Term.** Last week the government announced that they want all schools to offer students one Lateral Flow Test **on-site** before they return to school. In order to facilitate this:
  - **January 4<sup>th</sup> will be a Lateral Flow Testing Day.** If we have consent for students to take part in Lateral Flow Testing they will be offered an appointment at school on this day. Students will attend school for this appointment only and then will return home. We will then contact parents with the results of the Lateral Flow Test later in the day. Following this students should return to the twice-weekly testing at home regime. Our Business and Operations Manager, Kirsty Andrews, will be in touch to set out the arrangements for the 4<sup>th</sup> January. Staff who are not involved in the testing programme will be using the time to ensure that the remote curriculum resources on our website are up to date so that they are easily accessible for any students who have to self-isolate in the Spring Term.
  - **On January 5<sup>th</sup> students will return to school.**

I do apologise for any inconvenience the change in arrangements for the start of term will cause. However, I do hope you will understand that large numbers of students participating in the on-site testing on the 4<sup>th</sup> of January will help us keep school safe and minimise disruption at the start of the Spring Term.

Yours faithfully

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