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Dear Students, Parents & Carers

As you will be aware from correspondence last week we have had a number of positive Covid cases within our school community over the last two weeks. In each case we have acted swiftly, in line with Public Health England guidance, to identify and advise close contacts who have then been required to undergo a period of self-isolation. In a few cases this required parents/carers to collect students from school during the day. I would like to thank all members of our school community for the calm and supportive engagement with this process. I would also like to express my thanks to the members of the school team that have been available at all hours of the week to support this process over the past few months.

Today we said our goodbyes to a few colleagues who will be leaving the school after our INSET day tomorrow for new adventures. My deep thanks for the contributions that they have made to our school community.

Teresa Williams –Teacher of English / Head of Collingwood House

Catherine Llewellyn – Head of Business Studies

Sally Smith –Teacher of DT

Christos Vlasakidis –Teacher of Maths / Science

Lilly Rogers- Resources and General Assistant

In our attempt to maintain as many Covid secure events as possible this term I would like to say well done to Freya, Chloe, Mary and Charlotte who took part in the 'Safe Cooking Day' assignment last week. They produced amazing food during the cooking activity.



Also, thank you to Mr John for being a superb compere for the Year 7 and Year 8 Spelling Bee 2021. Here he is with the winners of the Year 8 event who took part virtually. He is handing over the gift voucher virtually to Hali Patel and Kacper Iwanowski (Yr 8 winners). Dr Johns can be seen introducing her yr 8 finalists who had to take part on TEAMS due to isolating.

Winners of Year 7 were from 7 3: Seth Pennell and Herbie Simpson
Winners of Year 8 were from 8 6: Hali Patel and Kacper Iwanowski

Absolutely well done to all participants. A special thank you to Mrs Barnes for her superb organisation of these events.



Between the 2nd August and 27th August, Gloucestershire County Council are co-ordinating the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme in partnership with district councils, the voluntary sector and other organisations. This programme is funded by the Department for Education (DfE).

This is a four-week programme of face-to-face activities in your local area, plus more virtual activities online, with daily meals or food kits being offered dependant on what is available in your district. Each district area (Cheltenham, Cotswolds, Forest of Dean, Gloucester, Stroud and Tewkesbury) will have its own separate section on our website for you to find what is happening in your area.

You must sign up to this programme in order to take part, and the Local Authority will inform parents / carers and schools when applications open.

Please note if you do not sign up to the HAF programme, you will not receive vouchers instead.

From the Autumn Term, we will no longer be required to contact trace students and will therefore no longer have to operate in 'bubbles'. However, it is important to note that schools have been advised that they may have to re-introduce 'bubbles' if they are directed to do so by Public Health officials in the event of outbreaks. Students will undertake Lateral Flow Tests twice upon their return to school in the Autumn Term. From then on, students will be asked to test at home twice per week, to be reviewed by the DfE at the end of September. We are expecting updated guidance to reach us during the Summer holidays. Full details of the testing programme will be provided to all parents, carers and students prior to the start of term.

Any families that have submitted a deposit for Stagecoach bus passes will receive further communication in the Summer to the email address that was provided at the time of application. Any queries, please continue to use the buspass@newent.gloucs.sch.uk email address.

A reminder please that Years 7, 9 & 12 return to school on Monday 6th September. We would also like our Yr 13 students to attend school from this Monday.

All other year groups should return on Tuesday 7th September.

Tutorial groups for September 2021 will be sent out on MILK tomorrow.

A reminder please that students should return to school in September in full uniform, details of which can be found on our website.

A separate message regarding Results Days during the summer has been sent to all Yr11 and Yr 13 students.

Thank you again for your continued support during the year.
I hope you all have a great Summer!

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'P' followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

Mr Phillips
Acting Principal