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Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

I would like to thank students and staff again for their support in adhering to the Covid secure measures that we have in place within schools. Masks continue to be worn in all areas of the school until further notice, and I would again stress the importance of twice weekly Lateral Flow Testing at home. There has been updated guidance for schools released today which I have included below.

Changes to the self-isolation period for those who test positive for COVID-19

AS you may have seen in the media this week, from Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 **and they do not have a temperature**. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be reported to NHS Test and Trace.

If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.

Further information on self-isolation for those with COVID-19 is available [here](#).

Year 11 Sixth Form Open Evening- Thursday 20 January

Next Thursday we will be holding our Sixth Form Open Evening as a 'Virtual Evening with a Personal Touch!'. We will be offering students and parents the ability to book meeting slots with teachers (via our Parents Evening Booking System) in subject areas that they are interested in pursuing at A Level or equivalent. Students and parents will be able to discuss questions they might have about the subject, and it will be an excellent opportunity to receive individual advice and guidance. We hope this bespoke approach will ensure you are fully informed on the courses of study that we have to offer.

Full details have been issued to students and their parents via MILK.

Sports Clubs

Please find attached information on the Sports Clubs that will be running this term. Many thanks to all members of staff for this excellent provision for our students.

ChessHive Club

As you may have seen in Mr Price's message on MILK, ChessHive has begun its first competition of the year.

This first competition is focusing on the battle between the houses. Every time you play a match, either chess or hive, if you are playing against someone from a different house, whoever wins contributes a point to the overall score for that house. At the moment after the first week, Mountbatten has taken a slight early lead, but still plenty of time and many weeks to build up the scores for each of the houses.

Also, if any of you would like to take part in some way, however can't unfortunately make the lunchtimes, the online resource that was used during lockdown last year, for the chess side of the club, is available once again.

So if you are interested in joining and making use of the online club, then please do message Mr Price and let him know. Full details can be found on MILK.

Lost property and spare uniform

Thank you for the generous donations of uniform we have received over the last year or so, they are very much appreciated. If you have any spare uniform you would like to donate to the school, please ask your child to bring a bag containing the items to our School Reception. Spare ties are particularly welcome!

We also have a collection of Lost Property within our Library which your child can check if they have misplaced any items. I would also ask you to check if you have any school clothing or sports kit that has been brought home accidentally by your child. All items can also be returned to our Main Reception.

Term Dates 2022/23

Please find attached to this email term dates for the 2022/23 Academic Year.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Rhys Phillips', written in a cursive style.

Rhys Phillips
Acting Principal