

14 December 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

End of Term & Start of Term Arrangements

We are all grateful to all parents/carers for the support this term. It is pleasing that we have maintained high attendance, had relatively low numbers of positive COVID-19 tests, and maintained an extensive extra-curricular programme. We were sorry to cancel school events in the final week of term, including the Christmas Concert, but this seemed to be the only logical move to help protect the Christmas break.

End of the Autumn Term 2021

Students finish term this **Friday, 17 December at 12.30pm**. Students on free school meals will be able to get their lunch during an extended morning break.

Start of the Spring Term 2022

Our aim remains to ensure a safe learning environment and so we will be testing all consenting students at the start of the Spring Term. **All students** (those testing and those not testing) will be returning at designated times of the day as can be seen below.

The Spring Term starts on **Tuesday 4 January 2022** and **all students** return at the following times:

YEAR GROUP	TIME OF RETURN FOR ALL STUDENTS	LESSONS BEGIN
Sixth Form	8.30am	Period 1
Year 11	9.15am	Period 2
Year 10	10.00am	Period 3
Year 9	11.00am	Period 3
Year 8	11.45am	Period 4
Year 7	12.00pm	Period 4

If your child wishes to change consent, please update one of these forms before **the end of term**: [Years 7-11](#) or [Sixth Form](#).

Thank you for your ongoing support and do have a happy and restful break.

Yours faithfully,



Euan Ferguson
Headteacher

Please see over for some additional information...

Free School Meal Vouchers

For the holiday period, free school meal vouchers will be issued on 18 and 27 December, so please do look out for an email from Evouchers.com. If you have any problem accessing the voucher, you can contact support@evouchers.com.

Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme

The local authority will also be running some activities for young people over the holiday period. To find out more, please click on this [link](#).

COVID-19 Safety

You can continue to play your part in keeping us safe by:

- Encouraging your son/daughter/ward to keep testing throughout the holiday period. Students have been given enough lateral flow devices to last until the start of next term.
- Ensuring that, if your child displays symptoms, they isolate and get a PCR test.

We will continue to keep a range of measures in place next term to keep the members of our school community safe. We are currently installing **carbon dioxide monitors** to monitor the air quality in various areas of school, thus ensuring that indoor areas remain well ventilated.

Over the holiday period, we will monitor developments with the Omicron variant and will implement additional measures if we deem this appropriate. Holiday communications will be posted on the school's Twitter feed and on the website, so please do keep a watch on both.

Vaccinations

Vaccinations seem to be the best means of eventually moving COVID-19 from being a pandemic to an endemic disease. Whilst we understand distrust of decisions made by the establishment by some in our school community, our own evidence suggests the need for vaccinations in these exceptional times and we would encourage all members of our community to take up the offer when eligible.

For a first or second vaccination, or a booster, you can book online [here](#). In addition, local information can be found [here](#).

Young people aged 12-15 can access a vaccination at three locations in Hounslow: Feltham Assembly Halls; Heart of Hounslow and the Bhogal Pharmacy on the site of Cranford Community College.