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13 December 2021

Dear Parents

As we approach the end of the Autumn term, I am writing to express my thanks for your continued support. We recognise that the past 20 months have been a challenge for both pupils and the wider community and hope that over the Christmas period we can all find some time for peace and rest as we move into a New Year.

School will close for all pupils on **Friday 17 December 2021 at 1.00pm**. School buses will arrive at this time as well. Pupils who are entitled to a free school meal will be able to collect this during their break time.

Year 11 Mock Exams

Year 11 have recently completed their mock exams and we have been very impressed with their maturity and the commitment they have shown. The important work of analysing the results and ensuring pupils are clear on what they have done well and what their next steps are is well underway. We will be supporting them in the lead up to their GCSE exams and details of this will be shared with you in the New Year. I do want to praise the pupils for their hard work and effort as they prepared for their exams and I know many of the Year 11 pupils are now seeing the truth of this in the success they are experiencing.

Christmas Events

We have been marking the Christmas period in a number of ways, including our Christmas liturgies, assemblies and our continued charity work. All events included over 100 pupils from all year groups leading the Masses and assemblies, showcasing their many talents. We continue to be impressed with how our pupils support the many events that we run across school at this joyful time.

January Return

At the request of the Government we have been asked to once again test pupils on their return to school in January. We will be inviting all pupils who have consent for testing to come into school following the details set out below.

Pupils do not need to wear their uniform on the day they come into school for their test. Pupils should arrive at the **Spirit of Sport** car park on their allocated day and at the allocated time. Pupils will be greeted by a member of staff who will give them clear instructions regarding the procedures.



Your consent to test from previous testing rounds will remain in place. You **do not** need to complete another consent form.

However, should you need to update contact details or wish to now give consent please complete the following form.

[Consent to testing](#)

Facemasks should be worn by all pupils at this time, unless they are exempt and we will continue to socially distance whilst testing takes place.

If additional changes are made by the Government I will update you before our return in January.

If you have any further questions regarding testing, please contact Ms J McCue at:

jmccue@btrcc.lancs.sch.uk

Tuesday 4 January 2022:

Year 10 - 8am-11.30am

Year 11 - 12pm-2pm

Families with multiple children 2pm-3pm

(Pupils to return home after testing)

Year 10 and 11 pupils will begin school in full school uniform on Wednesday 5 January 2022

Wednesday 5 January 2022:

Year 7 - 8am-10am

Year 8 - 10.30am-12.15pm

Year 9 - 12.30pm-2.30pm

(Pupils to return home after testing)

Years 7, 8 and 9 pupils will begin school in full school uniform on Thursday 6 January 2022

School is open fully for all pupils on Thursday 6 January 2022.

May I wish you and your families a very merry and peaceful Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year.

Yours sincerely



Deborah Williams (Mrs)
Headteacher