

SJB/JRu  
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Dear Parent/Carer

Many thanks to all of you who have donated to the food bank, these vital supplies have gone off today and it has been amazing to see the students bring in a variety of, sadly, much needed food. Today sees the students finishing their PSHE and watching our online panto, after this we have our Christmas Assembly to find out which House is in the lead for our quest for the House Cup.

You will have read in the news about testing and a staggered start so this is what I have so far. This has come very late in the day with very little guidance for us. Another little gift from 2020!

As it stands on Tuesday 5 January we will be welcoming Years 11 and 13 back for their lessons in school. We have been told that all other year groups will need to access their lessons remotely so staff will be teaching live lessons from Tuesday for Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12. Please contact us on Monday 4 January if you need to borrow a Chromebook for the week.

I have no detailed information about the possible testing that has been proposed in January, but I will write to you as soon as I get this information. This will probably be at the start of the new year now. I am sorry I cannot give you any more specific information at this time.

This decision is a Government decision and I do appreciate that having year groups at home does impact on those that work, so please rest assured that the live lessons we give through Google Meet will be run to minimise any disruption to you.

Miss Beale is sending you a letter today just reminding everyone about our uniform and equipment for the new term so that there is plenty of time to get this sorted.

Mr Mitchell and the Heads of Department have been working super hard to put together the Year 9 "virtual" Options Evening and details of this will be sent to all Year 9 parents/carers at the beginning of next term.

As always please keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for any updates over the break and let us know if your contact number or email address changes.

Have an amazing Christmas and a safe New Year, we continue to be proud of our school and our community and thank you as ever for your support. I really feel that this year has brought us together more than ever.

Yours sincerely



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