



Issue No 3

Friday 24 September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Staff have repeatedly expressed delight over the way students have returned to their learning this year and everyone is enjoying the renewed enthusiasm for their learning. We need to bottle this!

Clubs

Today is the re-launch of our extra-curricular offer and for many parents and children this defines our school: over 50 different clubs to get involved in either during our long lunchtime or after school. We urge all parents/carers to have a conversation with your child/ren to choose at least one club a lunchtime and one after school so they can get fully immersed in school life and make new friendships. You can view all the [Clubs on offer on our website](#) and book places using the [online booking system](#).

If there is something your children are interested in that doesn't appear on the club list, ask them to speak to their student tutor representative and they will feed into the School Council to help the school to understand students' wishes.

Photos

On Monday, school photographs will take place for all Year groups except Year 8 but as the uniform standard has been so high this term, we know there is no need for a plea to parents. Many thanks for your continued support.

Performing Arts

Coming soon will be further information on our Performing Arts offer for the year. We will be expanding our Dance Show booked at the Apex for 30 March 2022 to become a bigger, broader, deeper offer to include as many students as we can fit in!

Covid Updates

A COVID-19 student vaccine consent request was sent to you earlier this week - please respond as per the instructions as soon as possible, even if you do

not consent. Vaccinations for those students whose parents have provided consent will take place in school on Wednesday 29 September 2021.

Thank you for continuing to test at home twice weekly and for reporting results to us [via our website](#) and to [NHS test and trace](#). More test kits were distributed to students this week. If more test kits are needed students may collect from Reception.

Year 10 Information Evening

We are holding an information evening for Parents/Carers of Year 10 students at 6pm on Wednesday 29 September 2021. Further details are in the letter sent earlier this week. Thanks to those who have already completed the [online form](#) to let us know you intend to come. We look forward to seeing you.

And finally ...

Our thought for the week: **"Be nice to people on the way up, because you may meet them on the way down."** *Durante ...*
...which encompasses our push on kindness.

Have a good weekend.

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