



HST/SAP

12th November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you had a lovely half-term break.

On our return, I just wanted to provide you with some brief updates because as always, the lead up to Christmas is very busy.

### Student Council

At the end of last term our new Student Council were nominated and we are delighted about the opportunity that this provides for our students and young people in moving the Academy forwards. Student voice is an integral part of Academy improvement and development and I look forward to meeting them as a group and hearing what the new council propose.

### Attendance

It is important that your child attends school. We expect students to aim for 97% attendance (or no more than 5 days of absence in the academic year). Regular attendance means students have a much better chance of making good academic progress.

### Reading

At the academy we have a long-established reading programme which over the years has proven to be very successful with our young people. Students need to have a reading age of 14 years or above to access GCSE examination papers, so reading is an integral part of what we do at Oasis Academy Wintringham. Our librarian, Mrs Spencer is fantastic and has a real passion for making reading interesting and relevant. Since September, our KS3 students have read the following:

Year 7: 1711 books

Year 8: 1431 books

Year 9: 892 books (they only have 1 reading lesson a week compared to Year 7 & 8)

Total words read last half term: 32,409,797

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In total they have read 4,034 books and we currently have 1,408 books out on loan. This is a fantastic achievement. Please do encourage your child to read at home.

### Year 11 mock examinations

Year 11 mock examinations start on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November and all students have been given a copy of the timetable, this can also be found on our Facebook page. As outlined in a letter to Year 11 students, it is important that the students prepare for these as thoroughly as possible because if there is further significant disruption to education, instead of exams, the government will ask us to use 'Teacher Assessed Grades', in a process similar to that used last year. They have asked us to start collating examples of work that could count towards this in the eventuality that we have to cancel the summer examinations. Therefore, this evidence will include mock examinations.

### Vaccination

Young people (those aged 12 and over) are now being offered the Covid-19 vaccine. The decision on whether to receive the vaccine is one for each young person and their family.

To help make the decision, the NHS has provided a guide for 12 to 17 year olds [which can be read here](#).

The vaccine has been offered at the Academy, however if your child did not receive it and has now changed their mind, 12 to 15 year olds can [book online to have the vaccine outside of school](#).

### Lateral flow testing

Lateral flow testing remains an important guard against the spread of Covid-19 by those who are asymptomatic.

We encourage all students and staff (who consent) to continue to take a lateral flow test at home, twice a week before coming into school.

Anyone with a positive lateral flow test result should self-isolate and request [a free PCR test by clicking here](#), or by searching 'gov.uk coronavirus test' to check if they have COVID-19. Whilst awaiting the PCR result, they should continue to self-isolate.

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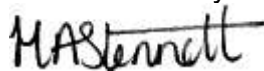
Some dates for your diary

It is with a heavy heart that we have made the difficult decision to cancel our annual Christmas concert at St. Augustine's Church and our GCSE results evening. As a leadership team we felt that it wasn't sensible at this current moment in time with the increase in COVID numbers for these events to go ahead. We are hopeful that they will be able to go ahead in 2022.

<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December</b>	Year 11 parents evening (virtual – more details to follow).
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Years 7-10 Assessment Point 1 data reports issued to parents.
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Charity Christmas jumper day/Break up for Christmas. On this day we will be rewarding all students who have had 100% attendance this term and no behaviour points with a treat in the main hall.
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022</b>	Staff training day.
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022</b>	Students return to school.

Wishing you all a fantastic half-term. Once again, thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



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Principal

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