

16<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I have valued and enjoyed re-connecting with so many of you at the curriculum evenings that we have held for every Year group this term. As a school we recognise the importance of maintaining this contact over the next few months, even given the challenges that Covid is still likely to present for us all.

This term has been one of great purpose within the school. The students have worked in a very committed and determined way, and we are seeing good progress in their learning for the vast majority of them. We have already held parent/ carers consultation events for Year 7 and 9, and we will be providing by post the termly summary of progress for all Year groups in the first few weeks of January. Parents are also able to view each student's progress through our Dynamic Progress Reporting application (DPR). Teachers record student progress on this application after the completion of each learning module. All students have a login for DPR which they can share with you. Please email us at [info@cfbs.islington.sch.uk](mailto:info@cfbs.islington.sch.uk) if you require refreshed login details.

The many of you who attended the curriculum evenings will have received outline details of the curriculum that the students study. The full details of what the students study are of course provided within the students' workbooks and the students should be bringing these home once they are completed. I would encourage parents to view these with the students to discuss the work that has been undertaken. A number of parents have requested copies of the workbooks prior to them having been completed. We are currently working on a system to make all workbooks available digitally for parents to view.

We do, of course, still have the challenges of the pandemic and these have increased with the current variant. The government has issued revised regulations for schools which include on-site testing in January. I have attached the details of the testing programme at the end of this letter. We will update you before the start of the new term with any Covid related regulations.

I would like to thank you, as ever, for your support of the students' education. I hope you all have restful holiday period.

Best wishes

Mr Brownhill  
Headteacher

**ON-SITE TESTING – 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2022**

In line with the government guidance, all schools should test all of their students once before they resume their lessons in January. Unless advised otherwise by the parents, we will rely on the consent provided by the parents at the start of the on-site school testing programme that was launched in January 2021.

The testing schedule for our students is as follows:

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January – testing for Year 10, 11, 12 and 13 students (this is also an INSET day)**

Students attend only for their test. Students should not attend if they are unwell. Students should attend at the time allocated to their form:

8.30 – 9.15am – 10C, 10E  
9.15am – 10.00am - 10N, 10T  
10.00am – 10.45am – 10R, 10A  
10.45 – 11.30am - 10L, 11C, 11E  
11.30am – 12.30pm – 11N, 11T, 11R, 11A

1pm – 2.30pm – Year 12  
2.30pm – 4pm – Year 13

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January – spring term starts for Year 10,11,12,13 – normal school day

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January – testing for Year 7, 8 and 9**

Students attend only for their test. Students should attend at the time allocated to their form:

8.30am – 9.15am – 7C, 7E  
9.15am – 10.00am - 7N, 7T  
10.00am – 10.45am – 7R, 7A, 7L

10.45am – 11.30pm – 8C, 8E  
11.30am – 12.00pm - 8N, 8T  
12.30pm – 1.30pm – 8R, 8A, 8L  
1.30pm – 2.15pm – 9C, 9E  
2.15pm – 3.00pm – 9N, 9T  
3.00pm – 4.00pm – 9R, 9A, 9L

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January** – whole school back as normal