

7 January 2022

Dear Parent/Carers

I am contacting you at the end of our first week back with a very brief update of College operations in the new context of Plan B restrictions.

I would like to thank you for all your help and support in enabling us to take a measured and careful approach to the start to term. Your role in ensuring students accessed their lessons online while we undertook the testing and in making sure they came back on site correctly attired and equipped, has been fantastic. This is a real testament to the collective effort that makes our community work so well.

We are now able to confirm that the number of positive cases revealed or disclosed in these first few days has been very low. We believe that although the local area is showing lower than national average cases, this is a particular result of parents and families making really sensible and considerate choices over the Christmas holiday and we are really grateful to you for that. It means that attendance is high and for students school can continue almost as normal which gives them the secure and consistent access to their learning, friends and teachers that we know they all need.

I can also confirm that the number of staff impacted is also relatively low and whilst there have been some absences this is no different to that which we were managing before Christmas and so high-quality teaching and support can be maintained as we go forward.

So, what next? In order to maintain this fantastic start a few things must be maintained with vigilance:

1. Masks in classrooms and corridors, please ensure students have masks (and spares) and instill in them the importance of adhering to this unless exempt.
2. We will ensure rooms maintain good ventilation and systems of mitigation as set out [on our website](#) are consistently applied
3. We have now been informed the next date for vaccinations will be held in school on 28 January. If you wish to take advantage of this for a first or second vaccination for your child, details will follow shortly to register consent. If you do not wish to give consent and take part, you do not need to respond.

As soon as we have any updates to either conditions and cases within College or any changes to restrictions we will let you know.

In the meantime, if you have any concerns about your son/daughter at the start of term please contact your form tutor or pastoral leader [via the links on the website](#).

Thank you again for your support and proactive approach to ensuring students can start the term ready to learn and enjoy the full range of College life that is available to them. I look forward to sharing their many successes with you over the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely



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DIARY DATES

Monday 10 January 2022	Year 13 Mocks continue
	Year 8 Assessment Fortnight begins
Monday 17 January 2022	Year 8 & Year 9 HPV Vaccinations
Thursday 20 January 2022	Year 7 Subject Feedback Evening
Friday 21 January 2022	Year 8 (Y Population) Spanish Wider Curriculum Day
Monday 24 January 2022 to Thursday 27 January 2022	Year 8 Wider Curriculum Days to Harry Potter Studio Please check the letter sent informing you which group/day your child will be going
Friday 28 January 2022	Covid-19 Vaccinations (1 st & 2 nd doses) Information will be sent out at a later date