



16th December 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Important information about the Christmas Holidays – December 2021

I hope that you and your family are safe and well. I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to parents, carers, students and staff for their ongoing support. We are proud that our students are working hard and making progress in their learning. Students break up for the Christmas holidays at 1.00 pm, on **Friday 17th December 2021**.

Our return to school after the holidays will be staggered in order that we can undertake the programme of lateral flow testing as per the recent Government announcement. **Details of the time slots for testing will be emailed/texted to you.** If you have previously consented to LFD testing for your daughter, this consent is still valid.

Tuesday 4 th January	Year 11 and Year 13 in school for mock exams	LFD testing for Year 9 and Year 10. Come into school at time slot then return home	Years 7, 8 remain at home Year 12 remain at home and come into school for LFD testing 1.30 pm – 2.30 pm
Wednesday 5 th January	Years 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 in school	LFD testing for Year 7 and Year 8. Come into school at time slot then return home	LFD testing for Year 11 1.30 – 2.30 pm. Ongoing LFD testing of Year 13.
Thursday 6 th January	All year groups in school		

Please note that the government are strongly advising that students, staff and visitors to wear face coverings in communal areas of school unless medically exempt.

If your daughter has any Covid symptoms, she should self-isolate and book a PCR test. She should not come into school until she receives the result of her PCR test

If your daughter is a close contact of anyone who has Covid symptoms or anyone who is positive, she should come into school as normal, but should take a daily LFD test for 7 days. Only if she has a positive result or develops symptoms should she book a PCR test and self-isolate. Further supplies of LFD tests are available from school or via this link <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

Our wider curriculum

Our students have been able to take part in a wide range of activities and opportunities as part of their lessons and wider opportunities. Year 10 students were able to experience their GCSE English Literature texts come to life with a recent performance of the poems that they are studying, Key Stage 3 students have been able to take part in the GCSE Bitesize Road show, listening to speakers from a range of different career paths and on our Deep Learning Day on 8th December we were privileged to be able to welcome a wide range of visitors into school to deliver sessions to our students including from safety on line, revision skills, positive mental health, healthy lifestyles, careers and applying for medicine.

Charity Work

We are proud that our school has supported a range of charities since our return to school in September. We have raised money for Manchester Women's Aid in memory of our dear teacher and colleague Mr Butt and also for the Wood Street Mission. We recognise and are extremely grateful for the generosity of both our students and their families.

Reading

Reading and reading for pleasure have continued to go from strength to strength this term, with the numbers of books being borrowed and read by students increasing dramatically. A focus on reading development in classrooms has meant that students have been progressing in the development of their reading skills, which will be really useful for their upcoming assessments and life in general.

It is vital that your daughter continues with this fantastic reading development over the holidays. To support your daughter with this, you can encourage her to read as often as possible listen to her read or read with her, and complete her online lessons of Bedrock Vocabulary.

Please don't hesitate to email Mr Parker should you have any questions about your daughter's reading.

SIMS Parent App

As a way of making it easier for you to track your daughter's progress, homework and attendance, you can download the SIMS Parent App for your smartphone. The App will allow you to:-

- Track attendance
- Have instant access to progress reports
- Monitor any behaviour concerns and gold awards
- Keep the school up to date with any changes to your contact details

Instructions on how to download the SIMS Parent App can be found on our website <http://www.wrhs1118.co.uk/parents/sims-parent-app>. A document on how to set up the App is attached to this letter. If you require any further assistance, please email parentapp@wrhs1118.co.uk.

Road Safety

We continue to be very concerned about traffic safety and pollution outside school at the start and the end of the day and we would like all parents/carers to help us with this issue. Please encourage students to walk to school if they live nearby. If students are travelling by public transport, they must wear a face covering. If you do drop off your daughter by car, please park well away from school and be very mindful of our neighbours and pedestrians, as we continue to receive complaints about dangerous parking and driving. Please also note that traffic enforcement officers are now in attendance outside school.

Contact details

Can I please encourage all parents and carers to ensure that we have an up-to-date e-mail address and that this, and your other contact details are updated if/when they are changed. We now send out all correspondence to parents/carers via e-mail. If, however, we do not have an e-mail address, correspondence will continue to be sent via text, student post or Royal Mail.

Key Contact Information

If you would like to speak to someone about your daughter's progress, personal development or have any concerns, please contact your daughter's Year Office on one of the numbers given below:

Year 7 (0161 860 2976)

Head of Year – Mrs Saleem

Year Co-ordinator – Mr H Mustafa

SLT Link – Mr Mycock

Year 8 (0161 860 2975)

Head of Year – Miss Culkin-Smith
Year Co-ordinator – Mr Ellis-Scott
SLT Link – Mrs Zarar

Year 9 (0161 860 2978)

Head of Year – Mrs Collings
Year Co-ordinator – Miss Ennis
SLT Link – Mrs Barnes

Year 10 (0161 860 2979)

Head of Year – Miss Oliver
Year Co-ordinator – Mrs MacKenzie
SLT Link – Mr Parker

Year 11 (0161 860 2977)

Head of Year – Miss Wicikowski
Year Co-ordinator – Miss Carr
SLT Link – Mr Lea

Sixth Form (0161 860 2984)

Head of Year 12 – Miss Costello
Head of Year 13 – Mrs Z Maloney-Rock
SLT Link – Mr Atkinson

Yours sincerely



Mrs J Fahey
Academy Headteacher

Term dates for the Academic Year September 2021 - July 2022

Autumn Term

Staff Training Day: Thursday 2 September 2021 – **school closed to students**

Staff Training Day: Friday 3 September 2021 – **school closed to students**

Term starts for students: Monday 6 September 2021

Half term holiday: Monday 25 October 2021 – Friday 29 October 2021

Term ends: Friday 17 December 2021

Christmas holiday: Monday 20 December 2021 – Monday 3 January 2022

Spring Term

Term starts: Tuesday 4 January 2022

Staff Training Day: 21 January 2022

Half term holiday: Friday 18 February 2022* – Friday 25 February 2022

Term ends: Friday 1 April 2022

Easter break: Monday 4 April 2022 – Monday 18 April 2022

Summer Term

Term starts: Tuesday 19 April 2022

May Day holiday: Monday 2 May 2022

Half term holiday: Monday 30 May 2022 – Friday 3 June 2022

Term ends: Friday 22 July 2022

Staff Training Days

There will be additional staff training days within the school year - dates to be set subsequently

Public Holidays

Christmas Day – Monday 27 December 2021 (in lieu of 25 December 2021)

Boxing Day – Tuesday 28 December 2021 (in lieu of 26 December 2021)

New Year's Day – Monday 3 January 2022 (in lieu of 1 January 2022)

Good Friday – Friday 15 April 2022

Easter Monday – Monday 18 April 2022

May Day – Monday 2 May 2022

Spring Bank Holiday – Thursday 2 June 2022

Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday – Friday 3 June 2022

***School term finishes on Thursday 17 February 2022.** School is closed on Friday 18 February

Leave of absence in Term Time

If your daughter has time off before or after any school holiday, her absence will be classed as Unauthorised Absence and the Local Authority may issue a penalty notice. (You should also be aware that if her absence exceeds 20 days, her name may be removed from our register).

Any leave of absence in term time must be applied for at least 10 days in advance. Official forms for this purpose are obtainable from Student Services. I would also advise you that any Unauthorised Leave taken during term time may incur a penalty fine from the Local Authority. The fine will be £120 per parent per child reduced to £60 per parent per child if paid with 21 days.