

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: End of Term arrangements and Start of Term arrangements

As we approach the end of this term I wanted to thank parents and carers for the support given to your child(ren) and the school as we have adjusted to new approaches to managing the spread of Covid 19 alongside the return to elements of school life we had perhaps taken for granted before the pandemic. Thank you for supporting the twice-weekly asymptomatic self-testing throughout this term which has helped us to avoid having to return to remote learning for students who have not tested positive or are awaiting a test result.

Plans for Friday 17th December (last day of term)

The Mallory House Charity committee are raising money for the Emily Ash Trust for Children and Teenagers with Cancer by inviting students to wear a Christmas Jumper and/or Christmas Socks for a non-uniform day on Friday 17th December. We really would like to raise as much money as possible for this very worthy cause and would ask that all students pay a minimum contribution of £1 via wisepay. If you feel you can contribute more then all monies will be very gratefully received by the charity.

Students will be dismissed at 12.30pm on Friday 17th December. We will have registration as normal in the morning, followed by the usual timetabled lessons period 1 and 2. Students who have PE are required to bring their PE kit to change into. After break, there will be a Festive Form period with a Christmas quiz and a remote end of Year assembly. Students who require lunch should purchase their food at morning break on the last day of term.

Start of Term Arrangements – Onsite testing and staggered return.

As you may be aware, the government has asked all schools to undertake asymptomatic testing of students at the start of the new term prior to all students returning. Please see the details below which outline the dates and times for each year group:

Student Covid Testing Arrangements for return to school January 2022.

Date	In school (all testing in the Sports Hall)	Not in school
Wednesday 5 th January 2022	Yr13 Test 10.00am – 11.00pm and then go home. Yr12 Test 11.00pm – 12.00pm and then go home. Yr11 Test 1.00pm – 2.00pm and then go home Yr10 Test 2.00pm – 3.00pm and then go home	Yr7,8,9.
Thursday 6 th January 2022	(normal lessons for Ks4 and 5) Yr7 Test 9.00am – 10.00am and go home. Yr 8 Test 10.00 – 11.00am and go home. Yr 9 Test 12.00 – 1.00pm and go home.	

Friday 7 th January 2022	All Year groups back in school for normal timetabled lessons.	
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Students in Year 13 and Years 7-11 in Jonhson and Chichester should **sign-in via the Gym** and then follow the one- way system into the sports hall for testing.

Students in Year 12 and Years 7-11 in Sharman and Mallory should **sign-in in A3** and then follow the one-way system into the sports hall for testing.

All students can wear their own clothing but please also wear a mask. Hand sanitizer will be available to use before entering the testing area.

I hope that you and your loved ones enjoy the festive period and can I take this opportunity to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all the staff at the school.