

29th January 2021

Newsletter – week 19



Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you all had a good week and that you are all keeping well. I mentioned a couple of weeks ago that we had been promised lots of snow, but it had not delivered.... I think last weekend made up for it somewhat and there is a little more to come this weekend. We shall see!

The news was dominated this week in the announcement that schools would not be re-opening Monday 8th March at the very earliest. This is two weeks after half term and announcements in regard to national measures, and we hope education, will be made clearer in the week commencing 22nd February. As a school will we work to this date, subject to any ongoing amendments that are made. From what has been said over the last few days, the full reopening of schools may not apply to every area. I will confirm the plans for us as soon as possible, but remote education will continue for at least another four school weeks.

We have been incredibly busy this week with our Key Worker group in school and we are now at capacity. Please can I ask that supervision in school for students is only requested when it is absolutely necessary. Students will follow the same 'day' in school as at home with staff supervising the individual bubbles. It is incredibly difficult to increase staffing support due to the teaching commitments of our staff. The DfE also announced this week that at half term, schools will be closed as normal.

Attached to this week's newsletter is information about the 'Crunch Line' app. Unfortunately, this is being downloaded by a number of young people at the moment and the app links to 'County Lines' and it is designed to encourage young people to get involved in criminal activity without even realising that this is happening. It is designed to look like a computer game and the attached information sheet will give a better overview. Please can I ask that families are vigilant and watch for this app being downloaded. If you need any further help, information or guidance, please do get in touch.

I would like to say a huge thank you to you all for your ongoing support over these difficult times. We have had more donations of money for equipment as well as laptops being given to us to support our students whilst remote learning is taking place. We also had a remote Year 11 parents evening last night and the feedback I have received from a number of you has been extremely positive. I remain incredibly impressed with our exam year groups and the resilience, hard work and progress they are making. Like everything else it seems, when we get confirmation how students will be assessed, we will let you all know and support every individual the best way we can.



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Principal: Russell Denial



We are now recruiting for Parent Governors as we have a few vacancies. The additional information in how to register your interest in working with us is also attached.

On a final note this week, can I please ask that when parents are contacting staff and departments about issues that have arisen with school work, that this is done politely. Home schooling, remote learning and lockdown are a challenge for all of us. Personally, with four children across three different education providers, I see first-hand the challenges from a school, as well as a home perspective. We all have different circumstances and we are all faced with our own individual challenges.

Wishing you all a peaceful and restful weekend.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R Denial". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Mr R Denial
Principal

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