

27th November 2020

Newsletter – week 12



Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you all have had a good week and are staying safe.

Our Year 11 students began some of their mock exams this week in their practical subjects and the feedback from our staff has been excellent. Next week sees the start of the written exams which will take place under strict examination conditions. It is really important that we replicate the 'real thing' for our students in order to give them the best possible practice and opportunity moving forward. Our Year 11 will receive their exam results in January in a formal results day shortly before parents' evening. The exams are also extremely important for our teachers as it will allow us to finalise the next steps in our intervention plan for the coming months. Just keep working hard Year 11!

It is hard to believe that next week will see the arrival of December and the descent towards the end of the Autumn term. The Autumn term is always the longest in the academic year and I know how hard everyone has been working to make the school a safe place to be. Many of the measures that we put in place in September have been adopted more widely. We remain resolute in our reminders of wearing face coverings in school and on transport, washing hands regularly and maintaining a safe distance as much as possible. I know that the new tiered system will bring some challenges to us all over the coming weeks, but working together now, will certainly make things better and safer for us all in the long run.

Last Monday we welcomed back the small number of Year 11 students that had to self-isolate, as well as our Café staff on Tuesday. It has been great to get everyone back into school this week and always a huge relief to have ended another a week at CCC without further incidents. I know that many schools both nationally and locally have had some challenging times dealing with the virus with small groups, all year groups and even sections of schools closed due to positive cases. If, in the unfortunate event of any positive cases, we will notify our parents as soon as possible. The two communications we are asked to send from PHE are for those who are deemed in close proximity to a positive case, as well as a general notice for all parents. As we are moving through the Winter, please can I ask for your vigilance in supporting us and please do let us know if you have any concerns or you are worried about your son/daughter. We are here to help and we will continue to do all we can to keep our school open.



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Principal: Russell Denial



On Wednesday and Thursday morning before school this week, our PaSTA team were collecting donations for our Christmas Hampers for our raffle. It is sad that we cannot go ahead with our Christmas Fayre this year but the hampers look absolutely fantastic with possibly the biggest Toblerone I have ever seen! All money raised by the raffle is for the purchase of additional benches and outdoor seating which I am sure you will agree, is a worthwhile cause for our students. A big thank you to PaSTA for their continued help and support.

I am also pleased to report that we have had 64 Chromebooks delivered with the specific focus of expanding and developing our KS3 Computing lessons. Amending the delivery of our curriculum to operate in as safe a way as possible this term has been a real strength of our approach, and the new equipment will help hugely with the delivery of computing lessons.

On a final note, we would be grateful if you could spare a few minutes to complete the Parent Survey that has been sent out. This, along with the pupil survey, offers us very valuable feedback.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend as we all begin to plan for our Christmas 'bubbles'. Stay safe everyone.

Yours faithfully,

Mr R Denial
Principal

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