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## Newsletter – week 11



Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you are all well and keeping safe.

Last night we had another virtual event at school – the 6<sup>th</sup> Form Information Evening. A huge amount of work has gone into the information that is provided for our prospective students and the information about courses, entry requirements and individual subject videos are all available on our school website. Listening to our students and staff talk about the amazing and varied opportunities certainly was a proud moment for me. There has already been a huge number of views for last night's event which is a follow on from the 1600+ views we have had for our live open morning last month. The links for last night are here;

Open Eve: <https://www.chalfonts.org/sixth-form/information-evening-2020>

Subjects: <https://www.chalfonts.org/sixth-form/subject-information-videos>

Please do get in touch with us if need any further information.

As the weeks keep passing by, we continue to uphold the highest standards of safety in school, but we still need everyone's help to reiterate the rules and expectations. I had to email earlier in the week to remind everyone of the expectation that whilst on school transport, face coverings should be worn. I have been doing random spot checks on buses after school because we have been informed that some students remove face coverings when the bus has left the school. We work closely with our transport providers, but please can I ask that you do remind your son/daughter that wearing a face covering on transport is extremely important. It isn't about them – it is about their friends. We have had a very low number of cases in the school since the start of term and we must all work together to keep our school going. Being in school, is so important to all of our young people and we want to keep going in any way we can.

I have also been contacted by a few parents this week to ask that a reminder is given about social distancing and close contact. At school, we do all we can to ensure that space is adhered to, faces are covered when in the school building and that hands are washed regularly. When out of school and travelling home, it is still important to remember these rules. Please help us all by talking about the rules this weekend.



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*Principal: Russell Denial*

On Monday we will welcome back a small number of Year 11 students who have been in self-isolation – we have missed you! We are looking forward to having everyone back in school as the Year 11 mock exams get closer. England seems to be moving forward and continuing with the summer exam season which is very different to the approach in both Scotland and Wales. We are treating the mock exams seriously in case assessment and progress grades are required for submission because we do not know what is around the corner.

We are also looking forward to resuming normal café service from Tuesday which will be great news for everyone - including me. I am slowly running out of packed lunch ideas!

On a final note, I must mention one of our Year 7 students – Henry Hawley. Henry led a whole school assembly last Friday about living with Diabetes Type 1 and World Diabetes Day which was 14<sup>th</sup> November. Henry was diagnosed as a Diabetic Type 1 two years ago and he talked to the whole school about what it is like living with diabetes, the challenges he faces, injections, blood monitoring and food! What impressed me about this fantastic young man is the positivity he has and the strength of character at such a young age. It was a great lesson for all of us in resilience.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and remember please – let's all follow the rules.

Yours faithfully,



**Mr R Denial**  
**Principal**

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