



17th December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

As Christmas approaches I would like to thank you for your support this term. I would like to commend staff for all their hard work throughout this Autumn term. The pandemic continues to test our resilience but it has not stopped us from doing the best for our students. Despite the challenges I am proud of all the opportunities that our staff have provided for students and very proud of how well students have engaged in these activities this term. Looking back over my newsletters to you and reading the latest school newsletter ([The Chalfonts Community College - TREE-MENDOUS CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER](#)) is a reminder of just how busy this term has been, in addition to our staff and students working extremely hard to ensure everyone succeeds in fulfilling their potential.

We are feeling very ready for Christmas having enjoyed the Christmas concert on Monday evening where a large number of students were fortunate enough to perform at The Hub at Gold Hill Baptist Church. They repeated their performance on Wednesday in the school hall, much to our delight, and were 'live streamed' into eight local care homes. I encourage you to watch a recording of the concert on the link below. The choir are also raising money for Multiple Sclerosis Research and you can donate using the JustGiving link in this letter below.

Watch the Christmas Concert here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7hWsUmzVw8g&ab_channel=TheChalfontsCommunityCollege

JustGiving Link:

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ccchoir?utm_source=sms&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=ccchoir&utm_campaign=pfp-sms&utm_term=42dcd949a80e4df899192c691f5404dd

In the spirit of Christmas giving our Sixth Form students have generously donated food for Christmas hampers to go to people in need in the local community through St Joseph's Church. Today a substantial quantity of food that you have kindly donated has been delivered to Chesham foodbank in the school minibus, making a big difference to many families in need of support over Christmas.

As we once again face uncertainty and challenging times with the change in direction with the pandemic I appreciate the concerns you and your child may have and want to thank you for your support in ensuring your child continues to undertake lateral flow tests twice weekly at home. I have included the start of term and testing arrangements at the end of this letter and if there is any change to the guidance for students and schools over the Christmas holiday I will write to you before the start of term.



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I hope that students will take time out with their families to relax this Christmas and recharge ready for the New Year. I want students to be successful, but this is not possible without first being safe, happy and healthy. Getting this balance is sometimes hard. I hope this Christmas, you find that balance and enjoy quality time with your families and I look forward to welcoming students back in January.

I wish you an enjoyable, safe and very Happy Christmas from us all at The Chalfonts Community College.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs C Whitehead
Principal



Reminder of the arrangements for the start of term:

The government have asked all secondary schools to provide an on-site test for students on return in January. Testing in school will help reduce transmission after the Christmas holidays.

In order for us to conduct these tests safely and reduce the risk of transmission in the return to school there will be a staggered start to the term as follows:

Wednesday 5th January

Students in Year 11, 12 and 13 return to school and go straight to tutor rooms. On-site testing during tutor time and period one. Lessons as normal for Years 11, 12 and 13 from period two.
Students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 remain at home.

Thursday 6th January

Students in Years 9 and 10 return to school and go straight to tutor rooms. On-site testing during tutor time and period one.
Extended tutor time for all students and lessons as normal for Years 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 from period two.
Students in Years 7 and 8 remain at home.

Friday 7th January

Students in Years 7 and 8 return to school and go straight to tutor rooms. On-site testing during tutor time and period one.
Extended tutor time for all students and lessons as normal all students from period two.