

10 December 2021

RE: End of Term Letter

Dear Parent/Carer,

As the end of term approaches, I would like to thank you for all your support throughout this very busy term; as always, it is greatly appreciated. It has been amazing to meet with people again and host a variety of events, trips and activities for our students.

Please remember that we are here to work in partnership with you to ensure that your child achieves their potential. We have an 'open door' policy and are keen to be available should you need a conversation about any matter concerning your child, so please keep in touch.

I wish to give you the following information, especially in light of the announcements by the Government yesterday in regard to Covid.

Tuesday December 14th - Christmas Dinner

The option of having a Christmas dinner will be available to students on Tuesday 14th December. Please see menu below provided by our award-winning caterers – Mellors.

Thursday December 16th - Year 11 Mock examination results

An email has been sent to all Year 11 parents explaining the changes to the arrangements for giving out mock examination results. Parents will no longer be able to collect the results in person due to Covid restrictions, they will be emailed to parents on Thursday 16th December, at the end of the school day.

Friday December 17th - End of Term arrangements

Students are having a non-uniform day on Friday 17th December to celebrate Christmas and the end of term. The day will finish at 12:45pm. Food will be available at break time, and students who are free school meals students will be able to purchase their lunch at this time.

Covid regulations in regard to schools

I have been notified by the Department for Education that masks must be worn in communal areas throughout the school. Please ensure that your child brings a mask to school and wears it when required. Students have the option of wearing a mask in lessons if they wish to. All classrooms will be ventilated by having a window and door open. Students are encouraged to maintain the hand sanitizing and social distancing that has been in place previously. We continue to provide self-test kits to all students, and will ensure all are issued kits to maintain twice weekly testing over the Christmas break.

Covid testing in January

Latest Government guidance has requested that we test all students once prior to their return after the Christmas holidays, with students completing a second test at home 4 days later. Test kits will be provided for all students at the start of next term.

Arrangements for testing at Arena Academy on Wednesday 5th January are below. Students are to come in at the time allocated, with their Form. Lessons will be provided on Teams, as we have previously for all to engage with on Wednesday, with a full return of all students at normal time on Thursday 6th January.

Sports Hall		
11KBL	05/01/2022	08:00 - 08:25
11SCO	05/01/2022	08:25-08:50
11SNA	05/01/2022	08:50 - 09:15
11LSE	05/01/2022	09:15 - 09:40
11CFI	05/01/2022	09:40 - 10:05
11KJO	05/01/2022	10:05 - 10:30
break		10:30 - 10:45
10HKA	05/01/2022	10:45 - 11:05
10CHS	05/01/2022	11:05 - 11:30
10JDH	05/01/2022	11:30 -11:55
10OKI	05/01/2022	11:55 - 12:20
lunch		12:20 - 13:00
10SFE	05/01/2022	13:00 - 13:25
10ARA	05/01/2022	13:25 - 13:50
9SVA	05/01/2022	13:50 - 14:15
9HCU	05/01/2022	14:15 - 14:40
9GSK	05/01/2022	14:40 - 15:05
7MAM	05/01/2022	15:05 - 15:30
7JLA	05/01/2022	15:05 - 15:30
7MHA	05/01/2022	15:30 - 15: 50

Gym		
9LAM	05/01/2022	08:00 - 08:25
9HNE	05/01/2022	08:25-08:50
9FBE	05/01/2022	08:50 - 09:15
9GBI	05/01/2022	09:15 - 09:40
9FEI	05/01/2022	09:40 - 10:05
8HBR	05/01/2022	10:05 - 10:30
break		10:30 - 10:45
8FTI	05/01/2022	10:45 - 11:05
8MLO	05/01/2022	11:05 - 11:30
8MIS	05/01/2022	11:30 -11:55
8CLY	05/01/2022	11:55 - 12:20
lunch		12:20 - 13:00
8NYE	05/01/2022	13:00 - 13:25
8DZS	05/01/2022	13:25 - 13:50
8LFR	05/01/2022	13:50 - 14:15
7KRW	05/01/2022	14:15 - 14:40
7HMY	05/01/2022	14:40 - 15:05
7RSI	05/01/2022	15:05 - 15:30
7DSA	05/01/2022	15:05 - 15:30

Free School Meals

The Government is providing Free School Meal vouchers over the Christmas break. Eligible families will receive an email containing a link enabling them to order a supermarket voucher for £30 per child to cover the Christmas holiday period. The supermarket voucher for either; Asda, Morrisons, Tesco, Sainsburys, Waitrose & Marks & Spencer will be valid until 7th March 2022.

Parents entitled to FSM are also eligible for The Department for Education funded Holiday Activity and Food Programme, that's helping children, young people and their families have active, fun-filled and healthy school holidays. Please visit the 'Bring it on Brum!' website for more information: <https://www.bringitonbrum.co.uk/>

Start of Term - January 2022

Monday 3rd January - Bank Holiday Monday - school closed

Tuesday 4th January - Staff Training Day - school closed for students

Wednesday 5th January - Covid Testing for students

Thursday 6th January - School re-opens at normal time for all students.



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As you may know, some of our students from Year 9 and 10 have been working incredibly hard every Wednesday afternoon, with students from the other CORE schools, recording their Christmas single "*Lift Every Voice and Sing*"! This has been launched on major streaming sites from yesterday. Any proceeds made from the downloads will be given to "Shelter". The track will also be available for download from [Just Giving](#) and [Shelter](#), where donations can be made. Please make any donation you can and we may even have a Christmas number one! Link to film <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/lifteveryvoice>

May you all have a relaxing and enjoyable holiday with friends and family, keep safe and well, and all the best for 2022.

Very best wishes

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Tuesday 14th December

Warm up your

Winter  Belly

ROAST TURKEY, ROASTIES, BRUSSEL SPROUTS, PEAS, CARROTS SAGE
& ONION STUFFING,

CHIPOLATA, GRAVY AND CRANBERRY SAUCE

OR

ROASTED QUORN FILLET, ROASTIES, BRUSSEL SPROUTS, PEAS, CAR-
ROTS SAGE & ONION STUFFING,

GRAVY AND CRANBERRY SAUCE



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