



Update from the Principal Friday 26 November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Weather

There is no mistaking that we are well into Autumn and fast approaching Winter. The fields remain in action for break and lunch due to the mainly dry weather recently, but this may well change as we get further into the colder weather. We will update pupils as soon as a decision is made to put the fields out of bounds. It is also worth reminding pupils about the expectations on jumpers; please ensure they are plain black and V-necked and not sports style sweatshirts, and should be worn under blazers, not instead of them, thank you.

Covid update

Thankfully the case rates in school have been very low recently, with only a handful of positive cases, but we do remain on Amber alert which requires us to keep the ventilation as open as possible in classrooms, wear face coverings when moving around school, and continue to carry out twice weekly lateral flow tests. Your help with this is valued.

There does still remain some confusion around the requirements when other members of the household test positive or display symptoms. The latest government guidance is as follows:

Individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, and any of the following apply:

- they are fully vaccinated
- they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

NHS Test and Trace will inform affected individuals, children or their parents or carers that they have been in close contact with a positive case, and advise them to take a PCR test. We would encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so. Children and young people aged under 18 years 6 months who usually attend school who have been identified as a close contact should continue to attend school as normal.

House Competition

Chelston House remain at the top for another week. But there is still time for the others to narrow the gap before Christmas with the following competitions:

- Christmas Card: Weds 8th December.
- Decorated Form Room: Mon 13th December
- Compose Song/Carol: Fri 10th December

Vacancies

The Academy is recruiting for the following vacancies:

Cleaner – part time.

Caretaker (Site Maintenance Operative) – full time.

Teacher of Psychology – full time.

Please see the vacancies page of our website for further information:

<https://www.eteach.com/careers/huishepiscopi/>

We are also looking for exam invigilators on a casual basis. To find out more, please contact our Exams Officer, Sally Miller, SMiller@educ.somerset.gov.uk

With best wishes.



Mr Chris Wade
Principal