

Update from the Principal

Friday 14 January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the first bulletin for 2022, a year I sincerely hope that brings much more normal experiences in school for everyone, and where those in Years 11 and 13 can be given the opportunity to sit formal exams.

Covid

The first week back was staggered to allow us time to follow the government guidance on Lateral Flow Tests, so a big thank you for the overwhelming support on this, it was a very successful week with a very small number of positive cases. On the whole the number of cases since the holidays has been very small and where they are happening, they are being picked up quickly through Lateral Flow Tests at home. If you need any more kits as you continue to test twice weekly, please let us know. As you are probably aware, from Monday 17 January the self-isolation period changes to 5 days, with pupils allowed to return to school on day 6, on the basis of negative LFT results on days 5 and 6.

In addition to the testing process and previous vaccination of pupils, I have been asked to share with you that the mass vaccination team are offering COVID pop up sessions. Clinics are being held at **The Grange, Clarks Village, Every Sunday in January from 10am until 4pm.**

1st doses for all eligible cohorts

2nd doses for all eligible cohorts (for under 18's there must be 12 weeks between doses)

Boosters for all eligible cohorts

Updated guidance for under 18s means there must be a 12-week gap between positive COVID infection and their COVID vaccine.

Sports

The annual cross-country competition has been taking place in PE lessons, with every lap counting towards the House Competition. Many staff have also been seen running the course at lunchtimes, hoping to give their House the extra points needed. Despite the heavy mud (it looks like Glastonbury festival after heavy rain!) those taking part have had a lot of fun and enjoyed getting a bit muddy.

The year 11 Rugby team were successful in beating Brymore school in the semi-final of the Somerset cup this week, with a 52-5 victory away from home. They performed brilliantly and

are very excited about the final later in the term. We don't know who this will be against yet, but I am sure we all wish them good luck and success.

House Competition

The very latest numbers still have Chelston in the lead with 19115 points, followed in second by Bailbrook on 18048. Currently, Lambrook are in third, with Pennard 4th and Merchant 5th. As one Head of House said to me "It's a marathon, not a sprint", so there is still time to close the gap. More competitions will be up and running this term, so hopefully we can see other Houses pushing hard for the top spot.

Staffing changes

At the end of last term, we said farewell to Miss Jenkins (DT Food) who has been replaced by Mrs Carter. Many of you will recall Mrs Carter from her time with us before, so we are delighted that she has come back to the Huish community. We have also welcomed Mrs Jones in Sociology, who replaces Miss Donnelly who left us last term.

Vacancies

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

Keep an eye on our vacancies page <https://www.eteach.com/careers/huishepiscopi/> for the following upcoming vacancies:

Caretaker (Site Maintenance Operative) Full Time.

Cleaner 12.5 hrs per week term time only

HR Manager (full or part time hours considered)

With best wishes.



Mr Chris Wade
Principal