



Update from the Principal

Friday 28 January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Covid

The last two weeks have seen two changes in the wearing of face coverings, firstly the removal of the need to wear coverings in classrooms (Thursday 20 January), and then this week, the removal of the expectation that face coverings are worn at all (other than school transport).

Although the rules have changed many pupils and staff are still wearing coverings in the corridors and classrooms which is something we are happy to support. The guidance on ventilation is still that we should maintain good air flow, but we are no longer expected to keep windows and doors open in classrooms. Our approach is to encourage staff to keep ventilation a priority and allow pupils to wear coats if it is cold as a result of windows and doors being open. We will review this towards the end of the half term and keep you updated of any changes.

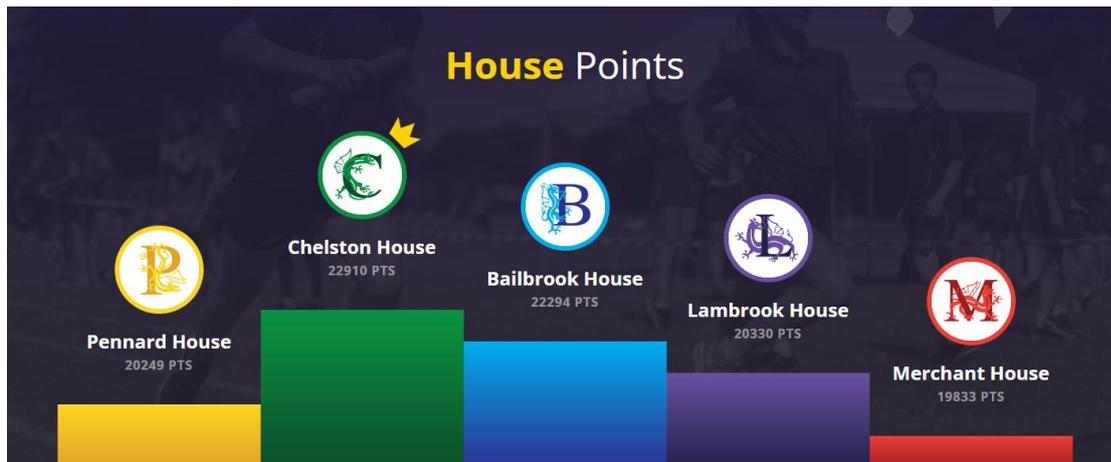
In terms of cases, we have fluctuated over the past two weeks, but the numbers are still relatively low in a school of this size. Please do continue to carry out weekly lateral flow tests and inform us if the result is positive. As before, if you need any more kits please let us know.

Collections from school

Despite restrictions easing we would still really appreciate parents dropping off and collecting children at the church car park to help with the flow of buses at the start and end of the school day. If you have arranged to collect someone at the end of the day, please let us know in advance so we can facilitate this for you.

House Competition

As you can see from the table below Chelston remain in the lead this week with a slim lead over Bailbrook. More competitions in the coming weeks will give the other Houses a chance to close the gap, or take over the lead.



Sixth Form open evening

Next week (Thursday 3 Feb) is our 6th Form open evening, following the easing of Covid restrictions. All Year 10 and 11 pupils and families are encouraged to come and see how our wonderful sixth form provides a fantastic next step in the education journey. Subject specialists will be on hand to talk through the many courses offered and to answer any questions relating to next steps (post 18) such as University, apprenticeships or employment. The evening starts at 5pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

Year 11 pupils only

Time is passing quickly and we will soon be in the next mock exam window, then the real exams. There is plenty of information on revision techniques and subject specific content on the Year 11 google classroom, so you should never have nothing to do! The class code is: jwhygpz. Designing a revision timetable is key to success, as is starting to revise early. It is not possible to revise and pass exams in the last few weeks as there is so much content. Get into the habit now of "little and often". We will be running an assembly for Year 11 next week to go over some of the best examples of revision techniques.

Oliver!

Rehearsals are in full swing with many a big show number being belted out after school opposite my office. Tickets for the shows in March will be going on sale fairly soon, so don't miss out!

Vacancies

We have the following vacancies. Please see our vacancies page for further information <https://www.eteach.com/careers/huishepiscopi/>:

Cleaner 12.5 hrs per week

HR Manager (full or part time hours considered)

With best wishes.



Mr Chris Wade
Principal

