

Update from the Principal

Friday 11 February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a long term, dark and cold at times but gladly we are fast approaching spring and can look forward to longer and warmer days. As we approach the half term break please have a read of the following bulletin.

Home learning

Since the start of the academic year, we have been employing a policy of not issuing detentions for not submitting home learning tasks. Our expectation is still that these tasks are done and many pupils are still completing work; sadly, some pupils are choosing not to. In the next progress report, we will be including a score on home learning, so please use this to discuss the importance of completing these tasks, as they really do support long term learning and retention of information.

Parking

When dropping off or collecting children and parking in St. Mary's road, please can you be respectful of the residents and not block driveways or park on double yellow lines. Thanks.

Covid

The latest public health information is that the daily case rate in Somerset is coming down and is now at 985 compared to 1126.6 last week. There has been a gradual decrease over the last 3 or 4 days and it is good news that it is now below 1000. The vaccination rate of 12-16 years olds is very positive, with over 70% now having had the vaccine, this is much higher than the national average. I will update further on any new changes or developments as necessary.

Mental health week

This week we had a focus on mental health and it was great to see Chelston House pupils leading assemblies all week. The assemblies were very well presented and well received by all those who saw them. Many thanks to the Chelston House leaders for such a great job. The week culminated in a cake sale to raise money for mental health charities.

Photographs

Year 11 will be invited to have group and individual photographs taken on Friday 18th February, with a whole year group photo also being taken. Please encourage any pupils involved to be as smart as possible on the day.

Sports

Sadly, the Year 11 Rugby team couldn't quite finish the season with a win in the Somerset Cup final, but lost narrowly to Churchill School in a terrific game. Both teams demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship and respect for each other. Our congratulations go to Churchill on their win. The boys football team are now through to the semi-final, so hopefully we will have more good news to report in the coming weeks.

Uniform

When we come back after the February half term, we will be ensuring uniform is a priority. Coats will not be permitted in classrooms and all non-uniform tops will be confiscated. Please refer to our uniform code on the website or call your Head of House for any clarification.

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

Teaching Assistant. Advert coming soon.

With best wishes.



Mr Chris Wade
Principal