

10th December 2021



Dear Parents / Carers,

As we draw to the end of another busy term for students, I would like to thank all students and their families for their support. I would particularly like to thank our Year 11 and Year 13 students who have on the whole shown real commitment to their recent assessments that have taken place in school.

Year 7 Christmas Church Event

Unfortunately, in line with our increased control measures for year 7, it has been necessary to cancel the Christmas event that we had planned to take place in the church in Neston next week. I would like to congratulate all those who had previously rehearsed for the event and were looking forward to performing.

Lost Property and Recycled School Uniform

Over the past term, many items of uniform, including coats, shoes and equipment have been left around the school building. These items will be displayed next week in the corridor near to the main office. If your child has misplaced any clothing or shoes over the past few weeks, please ask them to check this area next week. After school closes on Thursday, any items that do not have a name label will be donated to Wirral F.U.S.S. (Free Uniforms for Secondary Schools). Wirral FUSS are a local charity that recycles excellent quality pre-loved school uniforms for free. If your child has outgrown any of their school uniform and it is still in good condition, please send it into school and we will send it to Wirral FUSS to be recycled.

Last day of term – Thursday 16th December 2021



Thursday 16th December is **Christmas Jumper**/Non-Uniform Day in aid of the Teenage Cancer Trust. If you are able, we would be very grateful for students and staff bringing a voluntary donation with them to school on this day to support this worthwhile charity. [Teenage Cancer Trust](#) donation buckets will be available around school.

Please remember school closes at 1.15pm on Thursday 16th December and buses will leave at that time.

Returning to school in January

The start of the new term is Tuesday 4th January 2022. All students with consent will be required to have 1 supervised lateral flow test (LFD) in school on their return and as such a staggered return may be required. We are currently awaiting further information and guidance and will update you next week before the end of term. Please be advised that we require you to check your emails/school social media and website for updates as this may be a changing picture throughout the Christmas break.

Lateral Flow Testing (LFD)

In line with general public health advice, staff and students should continue to test when at risk during the Christmas break i.e. in situations where they are more likely to catch or spread Covid-19. **It would**

also be advisable to test before they return to school when they will also undertake an 'in school' lateral flow test. Track and Trace will advise anyone who has received a positive result not to test for 90 days. Lateral Flow Test kits will be issued to students before the end of term.

Kind regards

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Headteacher