

Weekly News Update Friday 10 December 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

This will be the last weekly news of 2021! Next week we will send you the Stringer Press with the highlights from the Autumn Term.

Thank you for all your support over the last thirteen weeks; it has been fantastic seeing the students working hard in the classroom and accessing all the extra-curricular activities as well. Our final day of term is Friday 17 December and we close at 12.30. The last day of term will be a Christmas themed jumper/non-uniform day, traditionally on a non-uniform day we ask students to donate a £1 to a collection, however this year we would like to ask for voluntary contributions to our Christmas Appeal so that we can use the money to support families in financial need. We are so grateful to everyone who has donated to our Christmas Appeal so far, the response has been fantastic. If you haven't already contributed and wish to do so, please follow this link: [Christmas Appeal](#)

When we return in the new year, we have a staggered start as we did in the Autumn to enable us to complete the lateral flow tests for all students before their return to the classroom. This will be especially important as students (and staff) are more likely to have come into contact with a greater number of people over the Christmas break. Students will be tested and if the lateral flow is negative, will return to lessons. Any who test positive will have to take a PCR test.

Students should arrive at the times below (in uniform) and make their way to the main hall for testing. The only exception will be for students who have previously tested positive in the last 90 days; these students should arrive at the same time as their tutor group and then return to class. Students who have not been given permission for testing will be unable to complete a test at school. The testing is not compulsory, but we would encourage students to take the tests to ensure our community stays safe.

Schedule

	Tuesday 4 January WEEK 1	Wednesday 5 January WEEK 1
8.50am	11RCH	9STP
9.00am	11TYR	9GTT
9.10am	11BRM	9BCN
9.20am	11CTL	9RTM
9.30am	11GDB	9RBG
9.40am	11GIL	9WHT
9.50am	11BCE	10FCH
10.00am	11LMB	10SMD
10.10am	11GDQ	10BND
10.20am	11MYR	10JNS
10.30am	11LML	10NTT

BREAK (10.40am - 11.10am)		
11.10am	11ELS	10MTC
11.20am	8SVZ	10GRV
11.30am	8PBY	10BNL
11.40am	8EDW	10KWD
11.50am	8MGR	10HND
12.00pm	8BNT	10DMB
LUNCH		
1.05pm	8KNG	10SPE
1.15pm	8BNN	7MTW
1.25pm	8BRW	7RYN
1.35pm	8FNT	7BRN
1.45pm	8SHV	7ETT
1.55pm	8PTN	7TYL
2.05pm	8DNN	7CPN
2.15pm	9STO	7ABT
2.25pm	9JUD	7FNS
2.35pm	9HLP	7LKR
2.45pm	9ELT	7BST
2.55pm	9PKH	7CLR
3.05pm	9PHP	7HLT

(This information will also be available on the parent pages of the SLG)

Enrichment Week

Enrichment Week 2022 booklets have been given to tutors and will be discussed during assemblies over the coming days with all Year 7, 8 and 9 students. Enrichment Week will take place between 11–15 July 2022. Some activities offered are limited to certain year groups and others are open to all three year groups. These details are in the booklet, along with cost and any equipment needed by students:

Enrichment Booklet:

https://issuu.com/dorothystringer/docs/enrichment_week_2022

All students will need to return their completed Student Choice Form to their Form Tutor by **Friday 21 January 2022**. If you need hard copies of this form please come to The Nexus where one can be picked up. Forms must be returned to Form Tutors once completed. We will then allocate students to the activities and inform them of their selection in March. We will not ask for any payment until full details have been confirmed.

Support for families over the Christmas Break

Advice Line: The Schools Wellbeing Service (SWS) consultation line will be available throughout the Christmas break to offer advice, guidance and just a person to talk

to. They can also refer you to different activities taking place within communities to support wellbeing.

Please email SWSConsultationLine@brighton-hove.gov.uk or call 01273-293481 leaving your name, your child's name and a contact number. A Primary Mental Health Worker will call you back within 48 hours (weekdays only).

This is not a crisis line - if you require immediate support you need to contact your GP, call CAMHS duty care on 03003040061 or go direct to A&E

End of Term

As this is the last news update of 2021, I would like to thank all the staff and students for their hard work and resilience this term; it's been so heartening to see the return of many of our extra-curricular activities which are such an important part of school life. The Carol Service will take place next week and although we are unable to invite the whole community, we look forward to seeing the recording next Friday.

We wish all our families a safe and happy holiday and we look forward to seeing everyone back in the New Year on 4 January 2022.

Root Word of the Week – Mega; big (Greek root word) Megabyte; Megalith; Megaton

Key Dates

- Friday 17 December – last day of Autumn term – early closure at 12.30
- Tuesday 4 January 2022 – start of Spring Term (staggered owing to covid testing - Week 1 of timetable)

Key Dates 2021/2022 are on our website: https://public.dorothy-stringer.co.uk/ds/pages/key_dates.aspx

Take care and stay safe.

Matt Hillier