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BEDFORD HIGH SCHOOL

A Specialist Business and Enterprise College
with Applied Learning

Headteacher: Mr P McCaffery

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we approach the end of our first term in school which, given the circumstances, has gone as well as could be expected I would like to thank all of our students and you, their families, for your ongoing support. I hope that you are able to enjoy some semblance of Christmas celebrations with your loved ones and look forward to the New Year with optimism. School will close for Christmas on **Thursday 16th December at 1.40pm.**

That said, Covid remains with us and the DfE have requested that we undertake lateral flow testing with as many members of our school community as possible before they start back at school in January 2022.

All students will be offered the opportunity to be tested prior to starting the spring term. Testing of students before they return to school in January is voluntary. There will be staff available to guide students to the testing areas and support them as appropriate.

Testing dates at Bedford High School

Day	Date	Year Group	After the test your child will
Wednesday	5.1.22	11	Remain in school
Wednesday	5.1.22	9	Leave site. Return to school at 8.30 on Thursday
Wednesday	5.1.22	10	Leave site. Return to school at 8.30 on Thursday
Thursday	6.1.22	7	Remain in school
Thursday	6.1.22	8	Remain in school

Students will be invited into school by form group in the following order:

Date	Year Group	Form Group	Arrival time
Wednesday 5 th January	11	11DM, 11DST	8.30am
		11HF, 11LC	9.00am
		11LJ, 11SG	9.30am
		11TR, 11ZB	10.00am
	9	9JM, 9LD,	10.30am
		9LH, 9LP	11.00am
		9MIJ, 9MJ	11.30am

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		9MM, 9RM, 9SST	12.00pm
	10	10AJ, 10AMO	12.30pm
		10DSM, 10GS	1.00pm
		10JD, 10LMO	1.30pm
		10RDA, 10ZS	2.00pm
Thursday 6 th January	7	7AMC, 7CP	8.30am
		7EO, 7KH	9.00am
		7PD, 7PW	9.30am
		7RP, 7SE, 7TM	10.00am
	8	8AK, 8AS, 8AT	10.30am
		8CL, 8CR, 8HM	11.00am
		8LMI, 8LS, 8RD	12.00pm

Students in Y9 and Y10 will be expected to go home following their LFD test on the Wednesday and then return to school - following a negative test result - on Thursday 6th January. Those students not undergoing the voluntary testing will attend school in line with our phased return arrangements.

Students taking the test will be supervised by trained staff. The lateral flow device tests are free of charge, quick and easy to undertake, using a swab of the nose. Parent/Guardians will be notified of any positive result by the school, parents will not be notified of negative results. Up-to-date guidelines and information regarding covid-19 can be found on the government website <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Apologies that my last letter of the year up to this point isn't very festive!

Let's try to change that. As many of you will know, here at Bedford we usually mark the end of the Autumn term with Christmas shows and concerts featuring talented students from all year groups. At the end of this term, we are delighted to present this year's Christmas Concert 'The Show Must Go On', which is a view at home experience. Tickets are £3 and all proceeds are being donated to charity.. Here's the link to buy your tickets:

<https://www.wisepay.co.uk/store/generic/template.asp?mID=34921&ACT=nav&extacc=1>

The concert will be available from Wednesday 15th December. Enjoy!

I do, of course, hope that you are all able to take a break and enjoy some family time together. I look forward to all of our students returning, safe and well, in the New Year.

Until then, I wish you all a safe and enjoyable Christmas and New Year.

Yours faithfully,



Paul McCaffery

Headteacher

