



Christleton High School

December 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

As we approach the end of term, I would like to remind you of some of our plans for the Spring. We will still need to implement our COVID-19 school risk assessment which will mean that there will be no changes to the current school routines. We expect this situation to remain until at least Easter, but we will continue to review any changes to the school day, half termly. We do need your support to ensure that any potential cases of COVID-19 are identified quickly. Please seek a test if anyone in your household has symptoms and keep your child at home until a negative result is received. Students can only return if there are no positive cases in the household. Attached is very important guide to highlight what you need to do if your child tests positive at the start of the Christmas holiday. This also gives you information about contacting the school if your child is due to self-isolate when we return in January.

Please keep this information safe.

We have had to make changes to many of our usual events in school. This week, we are trialing a virtual Year 13 Parents' Evening and we hope to introduce this for other Year groups next year. We have created virtual Open Evening events for Year 6 and Christleton Sixth Form and there are videos on the school website which are well worth looking at. Mr Francis will contact Year 9 parents soon, with regard to how the options process will operate during January and February next year. For those Year 11 students wishing to join Christleton Sixth Form in September, enrolment opens on 04/01/2021 and closes on 27/01/2021. Please see the link below for more information.

<https://www.christletonhigh.co.uk/sixth-form/admissions.php>

The A level mock examination period was due to take place at the start of January but due to the unscheduled extension of the Year 11 mock examination fortnight, these will now commence from 18/01/2020 January. This date change was received well by the students as this will have a positive impact on their Christmas holiday!

My thanks to Year 11 for the way in which they tackled their mocks at this challenging time. Having such a large number of students self-isolating did cause some anxiety. We are now waiting for further guidance from the Department for Education and the examination boards regarding changes to next year's examinations. We currently expect A Level and GCSE results to be published during the last week of August but this still could be subject to change. Year 11 mock examination results are due on the 15/01/2021 and we plan for a Parents' Evening to follow on 19/01/2021.

We all hope you enjoy the Christmas edition of The Swan – it's a really good read with lots of fun and festivity!

The CHSA Raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 16th December and tickets are £1 with the top prize of £200! All profits are used to provide additional resources for the school and we do need your support. There are no paper tickets this year and therefore tickets can be purchased at www.chsa.org.uk
The closing date to purchase tickets is Friday 11th December.

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Traditionally, school has closed at lunchtime on the last day of the Autumn term (18/12/2020) and we will continue to do so, this year. There will be a break time food service available for all Year 7-11 students. Sixth Form students will leave at 11:00, Key Stage 3 at 12:15 and Key Stage 4 at 12:25. Students are free to come in their own clothes and wear Christmas jumpers if they so wish. We are not asking for donations this year, as we raised a massive £4,006.59 for BBC Children in Need a few weeks ago.

Last year, Mrs Harding prepared and sourced a number of articles to help you to keep your child safe over the Christmas holiday. Links to these are once again given overleaf and we hope you will find them useful. We would recommend you read through this important information.

School will reopen on **Monday 4th January 2021**. On behalf of everyone at Christleton High School, I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely



Mr K Smith
Deputy Headteacher

This Christmas time, many of us will be socialising on the telephone and online. You may find the links below helpful, when talking to your child about online safety.

We are certain that a large number of digital devices will be unwrapped on Christmas morning. 'Gov UK' focuses on keeping children safe online when using their new devices.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/keep-children-safe-online-this-christmas-top-tips>

The Information Commissioner's Office has written a helpful blog about the twelve ways that Christmas shoppers can keep children and data safe when buying smart toys and devices. This makes interesting reading.

<https://ico.org.uk/about-the-ico/news-and-events/blog-the-12-ways-that-christmasshoppers-can-keep-children-and-data-safe-when-buying-smart-toys-and-devices/>

Finally, 'Parents Protect' provide a very informative guide, with advice for parents should their child or children find themselves in difficulty or in trouble, online. It contains guidance regarding three different scenarios and how they are dealt with, as well as giving advice on talking about sex, internet safety and creating a family safety plan.

https://www.parentsprotect.co.uk/files/LFF_eResource_Pack_for_Parents_JUNE17.pdf

We hope you find this information useful as we continue to work together, to keep our community safe, and especially at this time of the year.

Mrs R Harding
Assistant Headteacher/Designated Safeguarding Lead