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Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: End of half term updates

As we reach the end of this half term I would like to thank you for your continued support and to provide you with some updates regarding your child's education after half term.

Face Coverings

After half term your child and school staff will no longer be required to wear a face covering in communal areas, however it will remain optional for those who may wish to continue wearing them. We will keep this under constant review and re-introduce them as a precautionary measure should cases start to rise.

Approach to Truancy

In line with our continued drive for exceptional education and high standards of behavior and attitudes, lesson truancy will be dealt with extremely seriously. Any student choosing to truant and disrupt other lessons should expect to be excluded (suspended) from school as this causes significant disruption to learning; this change to our policy will begin immediately and has been communicated to students via an assembly.

Covid Vaccination Date

The school will host the NHS Covid vaccination team on Wednesday 9th of March. The arrangements will be the same as before and only those children with parental consent will be invited down to the School Gym to receive their Covid booster jab.

Y11 information for GCSE exams

On the 7th of February GCSE exam boards have released further information about the upcoming summer exams. The first thing to note is that **examinations will go ahead for all Y11s this year**. When we return from the holidays our Y11 students will take the second set of mock exams and they already have their timetables. Revision for and performance in these mocks is very important for us in determining what areas to focus on in lessons and intervention in the remaining time between now and the summer.

You may be aware that examination boards have made some amendments to their examinations for this summer in light of the disruption caused by Covid. The amendments vary for each subject but include things like:

- Removal of some content or topics
- Formula sheets being made available in mathematics and science exams
- Advance notice of broad topics covered in each exam paper to help students revise

They will be discussed with students and more information will follow. However, all subjects will still have exams and it remains as important as ever to revise well and work hard towards them.

Have a lovely half term break.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher