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Dear Parents/Carers

Term 3 Update

As we begin our third term of the year, I wanted to take the opportunity to send you some updates and highlight key upcoming dates and events.

Covid testing

Thank you for your ongoing support with Lateral Flow Testing at home. The majority of students had consent for testing on Tuesday and Wednesday this week, with only one positive result, which is yet to be confirmed by PCR. Although the guidance changed to only offer one test onsite we decided to plan for two, however, with the high uptake but low cases we do not feel there is a need for the second test onsite. You are also now aware from yesterday's letter that on Monday we have the next set of vaccines being offered on site.

Students should continue to test regularly (at least twice weekly) using the lateral flow home test kits that are distributed to students on an ongoing basis. The next supply of home test kits will be sent home with students during the week beginning 10th January. Additional home test kits are available from the Student Hub and we encourage students to ensure they have a good supply to allow them to continue testing on a regular basis.

Term 2 events

During the final week of Term 2 we had a number of exciting and successful events taking place across the student houses and it proved to be an enjoyable week for all. A huge well done to all of our students who took part in the planning and delivery of events including our Christmas markets, student choir carol service and house charity fundraiser activities. In addition to these, students also took part in visits to the pantomime in Chatham, watched our very own staff panto here at Chatham Grammar, were invited to evening Christmas cinema screenings and a disco to finish the week off.

Attendance

Attendance updates continue to be important given the number of rapidly changing covid cases. If for any reason your child is going to be absent please contact the school by 8.30am for each day of absence. You can call the main school number 01634 851262, selecting option 1 for attendance or email officecg@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk or attendancecg@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk.

Please give a brief explanation for the reason for absence. Please keep the school updated with any changes. Should we need to discuss this further, you may be contacted by the Attendance Manager.

Remote learning

As a school we are working hard to ensure that covid has minimal disruption to regular classes and are also planning ahead for any changes that may occur going forward. On our website we have combined all relevant information and guidance into one single location to best support any instances where remote learning may need to be re-introduced. This information can be found by visiting our Remote Learning Hub at

<https://www.chathamgrammar.org.uk/remote-learning-hub>

After school clubs and activities

We have a wide offer of after school clubs and activities for students to take part in, these can be found each term within our Student Newsletter which is emailed to students and is available on the school website. We strongly encourage students to take part in extra curricular activities as this offers both an additional learning opportunity, as well as the chance to meet new people and try something new.

Online safety

We are a certified school with 'National Online Safety' this gives us access to a range of resources for up to date information regarding online safety including webinars. As a parent/carer you can access guides to platforms such as TikTok, You Tube, Instagram and lots more. Please use this link, to join our platform and have online safety advice at your fingertips.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/chatham-grammar>

Yours sincerely,

Mark Cawthorne
Assistant Principal

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From time to time we may use your personal information to communicate newsletters or marketing information about events, products and services offered by the school which we feel are relevant to you. We will communicate marketing information to you on the basis of "legitimate interest" due to your current relationship with the school. You will find further information about how we use your personal information in our Data Privacy Notice by visiting <http://www.chathamgirlsgrammar.medway.sch.uk/privacy-parents/>. Should you wish to opt out of receiving these communications at any time you can do so by contacting the school office via email: officeCG@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk