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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 and Vaccinations**

Thank you for your ongoing support with Lateral Flow Testing at home. The majority of students had consent for testing last Tuesday and Wednesday, with only one positive result, which is yet to be confirmed by PCR. In addition, the NHS have been into the academy this week facilitating the second vaccination for all students who are eligible at this time.

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. Additional home test kits are available from Student Services 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 an 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](mailto:officecg@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk) or [\\$attendancecg@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk](mailto:$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 academy 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.

Yours sincerely,

Katy Lutz  
Assistant Principal

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