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Dear Parents & Carers

Re: Season's Greetings

In this week alone, I have been reminded countless times of the number of fantastic students that we have here at CCHS. I have witnessed daily lunchtime musical performances in Clouds (organised by our broader curriculum students), watched hundreds of students leave for a rewards trip to the Pier on Thursday, read about one of our students donating 16" of her hair to The Little Princess Trust, read some incredibly warming messages of thanks from Holly Court where our students, teachers and families have worked together to ensure each resident receives a Christmas bag of goodies from the school, and finally last night watched some of our Year 11 students perform a Grease medley in rehearsal for their external assessment today. Well done to all these students and the countless others who help make CCHS a fantastic place every day.

I would also like to take this opportunity to publicly thank all CCHS staff, both teaching and support colleagues. I know many of you appreciate their efforts throughout these very challenging times. The daily diet of great lessons, countless trips, visits and after school activities offered to our students to help enrich their school experience and the astounding pastoral care given is to be commended. Students are definitely happy to be back in the classroom with their teachers and making the most of the learning experience. This is reflected in the excellent attendance of CCHS students which is significantly above the national average for this term. It is very important to us, and we sincerely appreciate the support that we receive from our parents, many of whom personally acknowledge the hard work and dedication of school staff; this means a lot to us, and it is important that when contacting staff they are shown the courtesy and respect they deserve.

During this last half term, the number of positive PCR tests amongst students and staff has remained relatively low and I hope that the Christmas holidays do not bring a rise in cases for you all. Given the current case levels of the new Omicron variant, the pandemic does not seem to be abating; with this in mind it is important that the twice weekly testing continues at home. Please may I ask for your support by testing your child on Sunday, 2nd January and then this will be followed up by a supervised LFD test in school on Wednesday, 5th January. Timings for your child's form group are within [timetable with test times](#) .

The NHS has also asked us to share with you an updated letter from them about their community vaccination programme; [Updated letter from the NHS](#) , this has also been sent to you directly under separate cover.

Finally, although the current situation in regards to the pandemic is not how we want or expected it to be, but I know we will all do our best to keep each other safe and make the most of time with family and friends where possible.

To all of our families, I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a healthy and happy 2022.

Best wishes
Chris Taylor
Head of School