



CCHS Weekly Mailing

Friday, 3rd December 2021

Welcome to this week's edition of the 'CCHS Weekly Mailing'. The announcement made by the prime minister last weekend has no doubt taken us all by surprise. The change to the guidance means that we must return to wearing face coverings in the majority of social settings; this includes all communal areas in school and will help us to remain safe in the lead up to Christmas. Hopefully, it is just a temporary return to this mandatory guidance, but whilst in place, please can we ask for your support in ensuring that your child attends school with two face coverings (one to wear and one spare) and that they wear this at all times.

With this in mind, it remains so important that we all continue with the twice weekly LFD testing, and if your child displays any of the three main symptoms, please keep them at home and arrange a PCR test. The most common symptoms include:

- High temperature
- New continuous cough
- Loss of taste or smell

This week we also received notification from the Department for Education that all schools will be required to test their students on their return to school in January. Therefore, on the first day back, Wednesday, 5th January, students will come in for testing only, they will then return to normal lessons on Thursday, 6th January. Full details of the timings when your child will need to come into school on the Wednesday, will be sent to you before we break for Christmas.

Have a good weekend everyone.

Whole School Notices

[Weekly News](#) – Find out what our staff and students have been up to this week - [Click Here](#)

[Letter from Head of School](#) - please see the letter from Mr Taylor, Head of School, sent earlier this week as a reminder of the changes to the mandatory guidance issued by the government last week.

[Letter from NHS](#) - this link takes you to a letter from the NHS, also sent earlier this week, with important information in regards to drop-in centres for vaccinations; where to go and what to do.

Final few days to donate/contribute to the Holly Court Christmas Appeal - Thank you to those who have already contributed to our Christmas Appeal. We are so grateful for your support and every little bit helps to make this such a valued event for the residents, please keep the donations and contributions coming, closing date for bringing items in or donations is Wednesday, 8th December.

School Christmas Dinner - Christmas Dinner will be available for students on Tuesday, 14th and Wednesday, 15th December. To give an indication on the number of students who would like to purchase a Christmas dinner or if in receipt of free school meals and would like the festive lunch, please complete this [Google form](#).

Please tell your children not to fear though; the infamous 'chicken and chips' will be available on Thursday, 16th December!

Careers Hub – Work experience has always been an important part of the careers process allowing students to try out different careers and gain valuable soft skills that are transferable to all aspects of working life.

With the events of the last couple of years, face-to-face placements have become increasingly hard to obtain. To fill this gap, there have been many online virtual programmes developed covering a huge amount of areas. Spring pod offers virtual work experience programmes on a regular basis covering many different sectors.

Follow this link to view their available programmes; they also offer career advice through articles, podcasts, videos and university open days.

All this and more can be found on the **[CCHS Careers Hub](#)**.

IMPORTANT Advice and Guidance from the Fire Service to keep us safe at Christmas - Christmas Grottos and Decorations Whilst everyone is excited for Christmas and we spend a lot of time decorating our houses both inside and out, the Fire Service has provided some useful information that we should all heed. Please follow **[THIS LINK](#)** to their website which contains important home fire safety advice.

Year 7

Year 7 School Photos Are Still Available - If you haven't viewed your Child's school photo from this year yet, simply click on the link below to have the photo link sent to you directly.

<https://www.carmeljane.co.uk/pre-registration-support/>

Or you can contact Carmel Jane Photography on 01277 822 674. Free postage still applies, and you have up until the 14th of December for Christmas delivery.

Year 11

Sigma Sixth Applications – Applications are now open for admission to Sigma Sixth for September 2022. You can download a copy of the application form from the Sigma Sixth website – the closing date is Monday, 31st January 2022.

Please contact a member of the sixth form team on 01255 424266 if you would like any support or guidance, to make an appointment, or alternatively, email sixthformteam@cchs.school.