Cleeve Park School

10 December 2021

Dear Parents & Carers,

As we come to the end of this term, we sadly find ourselves back in some restrictions. As a school we have been fortunate to have relatively low levels of infection. I am pleased that we are one of the few Bexley schools that have not had to send year groups home to work online. Our student attendance has been above national average so I am pleased that we have been able to maintain some sense of normality in our day to day school.

Celebrations, Clubs & Fixtures

Our end of term celebrations have been once again put online, but it is wonderful to see the students celebrating and congratulating each other on their achievements.

It has been great to see the clubs and fixtures pick back up. Extra-curricular sport has been extremely popular this term. We have raised participation and regularly have 100+ students attending football training after school, badminton and table tennis. We have played various fixtures since September, representing Cleeve Park School in both girls and boys football fixtures in U12, U13 & U14 Cup matches.We plan to bring more fixtures in the New Year.

The girls U12 team did really well and made it to the Quarter Finals of the Kent Schools Cup. The U13 girls also performed amazingly at the Charlton tournament, they won all their games apart from one which meant they placed second on the table. Unfortunately this meant that they did not progress to the regional finals but we are really proud of them!

Ofsted

You will be aware that we were inspected in November. Whilst the report is not available for publication yet, we were pleased that the inspection team saw the growth and improvement of our school, the progress we are making and the strong inclusive community that we have. They recognised our changes to the curriculum and the ambition that it has for learning. The improvements in behaviour were palpable and that safeguarding was a strength.

End of Term

Our last day of term is Friday 17th December. This will be Christmas jumper day. Students are expected to wear normal uniform skirt/trousers, white shirt and their Christmas jumper. If they are wearing a Christmas jumper then there is no need for a tie. There will be a £1 donation to Save the Children. There will be a bucket collection at the gate for the collection at the start of the day.

- P1 and 2 normal timetable
- 11.20 to 11.45am form time.
- Dismissal from 11.45am
- 669 School buses are due to depart from 12 noon.
- Students will be able to use the canteen at break time (instead of lunch and FSM allowances can be spent).

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Return in January

When we return in January, we are required to lateral flow test students. This will be organised in a similar way to our start in September. Year 7, 11 & 13 will undertake their tests on Tuesday 4th January, go home and return to normal school on the 5th January. Years 8, 9, 10 & 12 will be tested on Wednesday 5th January and return to school on Thursday 6th January. A more detailed letter will be sent to you including the times of the testing and an option to review your consent to testing.

We ask that all students bring a mask to wear around the school unless they are exempt. If that is the case, please contact your child's Head of Year or Pastoral Support Leader.
If you are travelling abroad during the holiday period, please ensure that you are following government guidelines in terms of isolation and testing upon return. Please contact the school so that we are aware of this and can mark attendance accordingly. I ask that you follow the guidelines to protect our community.

I wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas and we look forward to a healthy New Year!

Alex O'Donnell
Executive Headteacher

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