



St Edward's School

Unity - Achievement - Faith

Thursday 16th December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the first term draws to a close I wanted to take a moment to reflect back on the last thirteen weeks. As a Year 11 cohort students have settled into their GCSE studies at St. Edward's seamlessly, they have been back representing our school at sports tournaments, being part of liturgies and remembrance, enjoying EDGE talks and celebrations to name a few. Year 11 have shown great determination and focus as they have undertaken their Year 11 exams, showing that they understand exactly what is required to succeed in next summer's examinations. I am looking forward to celebrating all their successes with them during our celebration assembly.

There are a few items I would like to remind you about. Firstly, on Friday 17th December students are invited to wear a Christmas Jumper in place of their blazer. We do request that a £1 donation is given via WisePay so we can once again support Poole Food Bank to help those locally during the Christmas period. We will be dismissing students at 1:20pm due to early closure, and if your child is entitled to Free School Meals please ensure that they order this through their tutor in the morning.

Secondly, as you will be aware, the government have requested that schools complete a single, on-site lateral flow test with their students at the start of term. We have therefore revised our plans for the return of students in January which will now be staggered in order to accommodate testing. Year 11 students will be asked to meet on the Astro Turf at 9.45am on Tuesday 4th January 2022 I will meet students here alongside their tutors and we will organise their testing.

I do wish to take this moment to thank you for your support in working with us as we have had to adapt swiftly for what continues to be a challenging, unknown and worrying time.

I would like you leave you with my best wishes for Christmas. I hope you have a safe, happy and healthy break and I look forward to seeing students on their return.

Yours sincerely,

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