



St Edward's School

Unity - Achievement - Faith

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 13 weeks. As a Year 9 cohort students have settled back into St. Edward's seamlessly, representing our school at tournaments, being part of liturgies and remembrance, enjoying EDGE talks and celebrations to name a few. Year 9 understand exactly what it means to be a St. Edward's student, having accumulated a total of 9,704 virtues so far this year and I will be celebrating this success with them on Friday. I have been really proud of all students in Year 9 and look forward to supporting them in the next part of their journey as we explore GCSE options from January 2022.

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 9 students will be asked to meet on the Astro Turf at **9:45am on Wednesday 5th 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.

Kind Regards,

Mr. Michael Wood
Director of Learning (Year 9)