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Dear Parents and Carers,

Covid Update

As you will be aware; there have been changes to the guidance from the government this week. Our students are no longer required to wear face coverings in classrooms. However, it is still advised that they wear masks in communal areas e.g. on corridors and when queuing for food at break and lunch. Students may still wear face coverings in classrooms if they wish to. Our current absence rates for Covid continue to be below the thresholds for public health intervention and below the average for other schools.

If your child tests positive, they can now return to school if they have negative lateral flow tests on days 5 and 6. The DfE have informed us that there will be more guidance next week following announcements from the government on the 26/01/22. We will keep you posted!

Vaccinations

The School Aged Immunisation Service will be in school on Thursday, 03 February to offer Year 9 students, who have parental consent, the MenACWY and DTP vaccinations. On the same day, Years 10 and 11 will be offered a catch up service for any childhood vaccinations (not Covid) that they have missed, if requested by parents.

Covid vaccinations will take place on Thursday 03 March for all students aged 12 -17 who have consent. Please see the details sent via Groupcall yesterday. The SAIS team will only vaccinate students who have parental consent.

Virtues

As I announced at the start of term, we have now moved to rewarding students using virtue points instead of positive praise points.



Reflection



Self-Control



Resilience



Love of Learning

The first level, **V1** Self Control is awarded as one point for positive behaviour and attitudes; you should expect this for the majority of lessons. **V2** Love of Learning is two points for knowing how to learn effectively and taking pride in achievements. This is given where students have worked to the best of their ability. **V3** Resilience, three points which show that students have demonstrated that they are capable of overcoming setbacks in lessons; when the work has been challenging for them and they have carried on to achieve the most from the lesson.



The highest lesson virtue is worth four points, **V4** Reflection and shows that students have taken time to learn from mistakes so that they can improve future work.

We are now in the process of reviewing our Behaviour Policy, to incorporate our new virtues, and have a staff working party looking at this. The starting point for this has been shared with our Academy Council and over the course of this half term, we will be consulting with parents and students.

Calendar Dates

Y11 Online Parents' Evening

The second Parents' Evening for Year 11 will take place this coming Thursday, 27th January. Please follow the instructions sent out to select appointment times with your child's teachers.

Love is the expression of one's values, the greatest reward you can earn for the moral qualities you have achieved in your character and person, the emotional price paid by one man for the joy he receives from the virtues of another. [Ayn Rand](#)

Have a lovely weekend,

Yours faithfully,



Mrs D Mitchell

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