



ST CATHERINE'S
COLLEGE
A CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

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Dear Parent/Carer

We hope this letter finds you and your loved ones safe and well. We felt that it was important to write to you as we approach the end of Term 2 and Christmas, in what continues to be a very challenging time for us all. We want to apologise again for having to close the School to some year groups. We understand the huge implications this has on families and the additional pressures put on you. We remain very grateful to you all for your continued good will and support.

We are relieved that there have been no further confirmed live cases in school this week. However, for the purpose of 'Track and Trace', should a student develop Covid-19 symptoms this weekend (19/20 December) and subsequently test positive, please follow the guidance on our web page which can be found here: [Covid-19 Web Page](#)

You may have heard the government's latest announcement regarding mass-testing in schools and a national staggered start to Term 3. We have officially been informed today that only year 11 students will return to school on Tuesday 5 January. All other students will receive their full timetable of lessons remotely, live via Teams until Monday 11 January 2021. If you require Key Worker provision for your child between 5 January 2021 and 8 January 2021, please complete this form: [Key Worker Provision Request](#).

For Year 7 students, who are yet to experience live lessons via Teams, we hope they will remember the training given earlier this academic year. However, we will ensure helpful reminders are sent out on Monday 4 January.

We are so incredibly proud of our students and all that they have accomplished in 2020. The students have astonished us with their resilience. A year ago, we did not think we would be teaching students during a global pandemic, and we are sure that the students would not have predicted it either. Their hard-work and ambition to succeed and not allow the circumstances to hinder their learning is truly amazing. The element of responsibility they have shown has also been remarkable: from helping in the local communities; supporting vulnerable people in their lives and quickly adapting to the new

ways of living. It is really humbling to say the very least. The students really are a credit to St Catherine's College and their families.

We would like to take the opportunity to thank you for your generous donations to our advent foodbank collection.

We pray that you and your family have a safe and restful Christmas. Furthermore, we would like to extend our prayers to you and your loved ones for the new year. We also pray 2021 is a year of hope, love and prosperity.

'May the joy of angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the obedience of Joseph and Mary, and the peace of the Christ child be yours this Christmas.'

Yours faithfully



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