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Dear Families,

Many thanks for your continued support during what has been a very challenging week. The decision to shut the school to certain year groups is never an easy one and is always a last resort but we were left with no alternative this week due to high levels of staff absence.

Christmas Concert

We have reluctantly taken the decision to cancel the Christmas concert. We do not think that it would be a good idea so close to the holidays, with covid infection rates rising. However, our students have continued to rehearse and we will share a recording of the concert with you all next week so their hard work in practising can be widely shared and enjoyed!

Plan B - next week

We are hoping that we will be able to have all year groups in next week; however, we think it is prudent to have a 'Plan B' if it becomes necessary to reduce the number of students in school. Therefore, should it be necessary, the following year groups will be out each day:

- Monday 13th Year 7
- Tuesday 14th Year 9
- Wednesday 15th Year 10
- Thursday 16th Year 11/13 – Study Leave
- Friday 17th Year 11/13 – Study Leave

We will make a decision by 4pm the day before and parents will be notified via email, ClassCharts and also the Prospect Parents Facebook Page.

School will finish for all students at 12.40pm on Friday 17th December

Christmas Dinner

The canteen will be serving their extremely popular and delicious Christmas dinner on Wednesday 15th December; this will be available to all students and will be served at both breaks.

Lateral Flow Testing

All students will be required to complete a single lateral flow test in school at the start of term. This will take place on Tuesday 4th January, which is also our Academic Review Day.

Tests will take place in the Lower School Hall, using the Honey End Lane entrance only. Students should arrive at the following times for their test; there is no need to wear uniform.

- Year 7 9.00 – 10.00am
- Year 8 10.15 – 11.15am
- Year 9 11.30 – 12.30pm
- Year 10 12.45 – 1.45pm
- Year 11 2.00 – 3.00pm
- Year 12/13 Anytime during the day

If the allocated time clashes with your child's Academic Review Day appointment, they should attend at the nearest available slot. Please note that work will not be set for the lesson that has been allocated for testing.

If you have not already done so, please complete the consent form here: <https://forms.office.com/r/wFEDkc9QxZ> This consent is for the academic year 2021/22, so if you have previously completed it prior to September 2021, we do require it to be completed again.

Further details about lateral flow testing can be found on our website here: [King's Academy Prospect - Remote Learning and Covid Recovery \(kgaprospect.uk\)](http://King's Academy Prospect - Remote Learning and Covid Recovery (kgaprospect.uk))

Additional Covid measures

In line with current government guidance, all students are required to wear a mask in all communal areas; please ensure that your child has a plentiful supply for the day. We will continue to provide hand sanitiser gel and anti-bacterial spray to support good hygiene in classrooms.

Students should be taking lateral flow tests at least twice a week. However, if your child displays any symptoms (a temperature, a continuous cough or loss of smell or taste) they should self-isolate until they have received a negative result from a PCR test. If they test positive, they need to isolate for ten full days after the first day of symptoms.

We have now been allocated a number of CO2 monitors to check air quality around the school. We are fortunate in having a large and open site and we will continue to ensure that all rooms are well ventilated throughout the day.

Students should also ensure that they are wearing their lanyards at all times; this helps us to ensure that students are in the right parts of the school, reducing contact and transmission between individuals.

Wishing you all a very enjoyable and restful weekend,



Mr D Littlemore
Headteacher