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Dear Families,

It's been a very long half term and huge congratulations to all those students who have made it in every day; whilst Covid has continued to affect many of our students and staff, we are extremely appreciative of the positivity that has been maintained throughout this term.

This letter contains important information about:

- Return to School
- Uniform Expectations
- Covid Vaccinations and measures
- School Catering
- Year 11 Examinations and Information Evening
- Parent Governor Election
- Christmas Concert and Prospect Community Association

Return to School

A reminder that due to Covid Vaccinations, Monday 1st November will be a normal school day and all students are expected in school. Tuesday 2nd November is an INSET day and school will be closed to all students.

Uniform

A reminder that from Monday 1st November, all students must be wearing the full, correct uniform. We know that a small group of students have been waiting for their blazers from Stevenson's, which we have been chasing up, but in all other instances, the full correct uniform must be worn. I am attaching the uniform policy for you again, but I would like to reiterate the following points:

- School shoes should be plain black, flat and logo-free. They must be leather or leather like (capable of being polished). Canvas shoes are not permitted. Trainers, boots, including ankle boots, toeless or backless shoes, suede and logos are not allowed at school. Shoes that are considered to be trainer-like in appearance (including Nike Airforce or similar) are not allowed.

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- One pair of small plain gold or silver studs (no stones) and one plain, non-fashion watch. Only one stud should be worn in the lobe of each ear. All other jewellery is inappropriate for school-wear and must not be worn. Retainers or covering of piercings will not be permitted, they must be removed.
- If students choose to wear the optional skirt, it must be the Prospect tartan skirt to be worn on or below the knee.
- As the weather gets colder, please remember that hats/hoods are not allowed to be worn in school. If your child wishes to wear a scarf, this should be plain black.

Students who are not wearing the correct uniform will not be allowed to attend lessons until the correct items have been provided; instead they will work independently in a designated classroom.

Covid Vaccinations

These are being offered to all students in Years 8-11 by the NHS school nursing team. Any questions regarding the vaccine programme should be directed to them as we do not have any additional information. If you would like your child to have this vaccination, please ensure that you have completed the consent form by Wednesday 27th October. Year 7 students who have turned 12 by 31st October have been sent a letter inviting them to arrange a vaccination at Wokingham hospital. The vaccinations will take place in school on Monday 1st November; all students should be in school regardless of whether they are having the vaccination or not.

Masks

You will be aware that rates of Covid infections have again risen to a high level. We are therefore recommending that all staff and students wear masks around communal areas around the school and we would encourage them to wear them in classrooms, where this is appropriate. Should there be any further updates from the local Public Health team, we will inform you as soon as we are aware.

Innovate – School Catering

We would like to remind all students that the main school canteen is now open for breakfast at 8.10 – 8.25am, serving a variety of breakfast items – croissants, pastries, sweet waffles, porridge and fruit and is also open after school from 3.15pm, serving our very popular hot chocolate with marshmallows and cream as well as a selection of snack items. This is open to all students in any year group at these times.

Year 11

A reminder that Year 11 mock examinations will be taking place after half term. We are fully expecting examinations in the summer, although with some modifications, so the mock examinations are an extremely important practice for our students, as well as providing vital evidence and information to their teachers about their progress. We are holding an information evening for Year 11 students and their families on Thursday 11th November when Mrs McCavish and Mr Gerrard and the year 11 team will provide more information regarding the year and offer the opportunity for questions. The Heads of English, Maths and Science will also be present to deliver key messages regarding their subjects.

Parent Governor Election

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor on the Local Governing Body for King's Academy Prospect and I would like to invite parents who wish to stand for election as a Parent Governor to put their names forward.

As a parent governor you will learn about how the school is run and how decisions are made. You will play an important part in improving the quality of the education of all students and encouraging them to reach their full potential. This involves making sure that the strategy for school improvement is followed through.

You will also gain useful experience and skills which can be used in your own career.

You will bring an extremely valuable point of view as a parent and member of the local community, but will not be a parent representative. This means that other parents should not try to campaign through you. All governors simply act in the best interests of all students.

The Local Governing Body meets six times a year, often virtually and you may expect to spend some additional time on training, reading reports and visiting the school to look at aspects of teaching and learning for example. You would join a friendly and supportive team of governors which includes some with a lot of experience and others who have joined us more recently.

If you have further questions about the role of a Parent Governor, please contact Ms Helen Hathaway, Vice Chair of Governors, for an informal discussion at hhathaway@prospect.reading.sch.uk

If you wish to stand for election you should:

- Complete the nomination form.
- Have your nomination supported by 2 people proposer and seconder.
- Include a brief personal election statement (for circulation to voters in the event of a ballot). This should include why you are interested and the skills you would bring. You do not need to have any experience as a governor as full induction and training will be offered.

Please contact Mrs Davis on adavis@prospect.reading.sch.uk to request a nomination form (this can be sent via email or through the post)

Return completed nomination forms to Mrs Davis, King's Academy Prospect, Cockney Hill, Tilehurst, Berkshire, RG30 4EX or by email to adavis@prospect.reading.sch.uk

The closing date for submitting your completed nomination forms is Thursday, 18th November 2021

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However, there are many other ways that you can support the school and local community. We recognise that the formal role on the Local Governing Body may not be right for everyone and therefore we are hoping to set a PTA - this is a great way to bring together parents, teachers and your local community to raise funds and to support the school. We will be holding a Parent's Forum on Wednesday 15th December so we can establish the Prospect Community Association, as well as provide an open meeting in which families can ask questions directly to the Headteacher and Leadership Team in an informal setting. This will be followed by our annual Winter Concert, which we are delighted has been able to return this

year – a showcase of music and drama and a good supply of mince pies and mulled wine!
Further details will be shared after half term.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a very restful and enjoyable half term and I am looking forward to the start of another successful half term.

With warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Littlemore', with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left and then curves back under the name.

Mr D Littlemore
Headteacher