

12<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear Families,

I am writing to you with a few updates as we approach the half term break this Friday.

Firstly, just a reminder that school will be closed from 4:30pm this Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October and all students return on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. It is a two week half term. Attached with this letter are the term dates for the next academic year, when we will be continuing with the two week October half term.

The current situation with coronavirus is very challenging for us all. We do have some students isolating this week. Once we break up on Friday, you will not need to report any suspected cases unless they will affect your child's RETURN to school on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. We will go through any Covid-19 emails on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October and you will be contacted that day if your child needs to remain at home after half term.

I would like to thank you all for your amazing support as parents over this difficult time, you have been fantastic. Thank you for communicating so clearly around coronavirus and other issues with us. The new school day is working well and meaning we are not having multiple year groups coming and going at the same time; the only pinch point is at 3pm when other local schools finish and we have years 8 and 9 coming out around 3pm. This is making the public buses and Padiham Road very busy. To alleviate this we are tweaking the year 8 and 9 finish times when we return after half term as follows; Year 9 will finish at 2:45pm (Any year 9 using the school bus can wait in the Sports Hall until 3:05pm) Year 8 will finish at 3:05pm. We hope this slight change will just make it a bit quieter on the main road at 3pm.

As we return after half term the weather is likely to be very cold, wet and windy as we move into winter. When the weather is bad we do not make students line up before coming in, we allow them straight in to school 10 minutes before their start times. However, students still get very wet and cold on their way to school if they do not have a coat. Some students are putting a jumper under their blazer; this should be a school jumper. These jumpers do not keep them dry on their way to school, please encourage them to wear a coat.

Year 11 students and parents; we would usually be running on site revision classes this half term. Given the current levels of coronavirus in the local community, we are not bringing any staff or students on site this half term. Teachers have, however, planned revision activities for year 11 for the half term. The details about this work and an overview by subject is being sent out by Miss Lightfoot today. It should help ensure effective work can take place over the half term.

The current situation means time off school and work is not always particularly relaxing for anyone. I hope everyone stays well and safe over the break and manages some quality family time. Let's hope infection rates have decreased as we return on 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Please remember to email our covid19@shuttleworth.lancs.sch.uk email at the end of the holiday if your child will not be returning on the 2<sup>nd</sup> due to having to isolate or anyone in your house having coronavirus.

Kind Regards,



Mrs R England  
Headteacher

**Term Dates 2021/22**

**AUTUMN TERM 2021**

College re-opens Wednesday 1 September 2021

**Mid Term Closure**

College closed Friday 15 October – Friday 29 October 2021 (inclusive)

College re-opens Monday 1 November 2021

Closure after school Friday 17 December 2021

**SPRING TERM 2022**

College re-opens Tuesday 4 January 2022

**Mid Term Closure**

College closed Monday 14 February – Friday 18 February 2022(inclusive)

Closure after school Friday 1 April 2022

**SUMMER TERM 2022**

College re-opens Tuesday 19 April 2022

May Bank Holiday Monday 2 May 2022

**Mid Term Closure**

College closed Monday 30 May – Friday 3 June 2022 (inclusive)

**Summer Break**

Closure after school Friday 22 July 2022