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Dear Parents and Carers,

End of term arrangements

The last day of term is Friday 17th December and students will be dismissed at 2pm on this day. Students will be expected to be in full Academy uniform. If your child is unable to leave at 2pm please inform the Academy and we will supervise them until the normal time of 2:45pm.

Asymptomatic testing

As increased social mixing is likely over the Christmas and New Year period, the government guidance states that all secondary school students should receive one on-site lateral flow device test on their return in January. Students should then continue to test twice weekly at home and they should also test if they will be in a high-risk situation that day, and before visiting people who are at higher risk of severe illness if they get COVID-19.

We have enclosed an updated consent form for those parents that did not provide consent during previous rounds of testing. Please send this back to the Academy as soon as possible, or send it in with your child on the day of their test.

The on-site test will be held in the **Academy Sports Centre on Tuesday 4th January** at the following times:

Year 7	9:00 am
Year 8	10:00 am
Year 9	11:00 am
Year 10	12:30 pm
Year 11	1:30 pm

Although the 4th January is training day for staff, students who wish to receive an on-site test should attend at their allocated time. Academy uniform will not need to be worn on this day. A reminder will be sent out over the Christmas break with updates on the homepage of our website.

Testing is voluntary and therefore you can withdraw consent at any time so please notify the Academy as appropriate.

The privacy notice can be found on the Ormiston Academies Trust website
www.ormistonacademiestrust.co.uk/documents-and-policies/



Returning after the Christmas break

All students will be expected to return on **Wednesday 5th January**, between 8:00am and 8:20am via their usual entrance gate, in full Academy uniform. Year 11 will have their individual and year group photograph on this day as well as an external company coming in to help deliver revision skills.

Being 'Ready to Learn'

On return to the Academy after the Christmas break, please ensure your child's uniform is compliant. Students can continue to wear a coat over other compulsory items of uniform. Hoodies and jumpers are not allowed.

Students are currently advised to wear a face covering in communal areas. Students can use any type of face covering as long as nothing is inappropriately displayed.

Students need to bring their own stationery to the Academy. A minimum of a black/blue pen, pencil and ruler is needed and this will be checked every morning.

It continues to be an incredibly challenging time for everyone, and I am sure that we all have the same hopes for a more positive, normal 2022. We hugely appreciate your ongoing support, understanding and cooperation, and it continues to mean a great deal to all staff at the Academy. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to make contact.

Please regularly check the Academy's website for all updates over the festive period.

Please do keep safe and well, and I look forward to seeing all students on **Wednesday 5th January**.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs C Robson
Principal