



3 December 2021

Dear parents / carers

'Let us seek the grace of a cheerful heart, an even temper, sweetness, gentleness, and brightness of mind, as walking in His light, and by His grace. Let us pray to Him to give us the spirit of ever-abundant, ever-springing love, which overpowers and sweeps away the vexations of life by its own richness and strength, and which, above all things, unites us to Him who is the fountain and the centre of all mercy, loving-kindness, and joy.' This quote from St John Henry Newman is a wonderful way to approach the rest of Advent. Please do find some time in prayer with your children over the coming weeks and maybe focus on these words and what they can mean for you.

As we finish one set of exams we start another! The Year 11s were tremendous and now we embark on the Year 13 exam period. Please do support the pupils during this week. Year 13s will be on study leave and only need to attend college for their exams

Due to the needs of the schools that attend the Party for Children's with disabilities and the current COVID climate we have had to make the difficult decision to cancel it for this year. We will keep the funds raised and run an event in the summer to ensure that we keep these strong links and provide an opportunity for the young people to have a great time.

FACE MASKS

Please can I remind the whole community that face masks are now mandatory for all, this includes staff, parents and pupils. We have a supply of masks in school, but these are here in the rare event that pupils and staff forget theirs and for visitors. Please ensure that all pupils come to school with their own supply of masks.

CAROL SERVICE

We extend a warm invitation to families to join us for our annual Carol Service in the school hall on Monday 13th December from 7.00 to 8.00pm. We will have refreshments in the foyer afterwards. To book tickets to the event please click [here](#). Due to COVID restrictions we must limit the number of tickets to 120. Please follow the instructions. Masks will need to be worn whilst attending the service.

LUTON FOODBANK COLLECTION IN TUTOR GROUPS

We are once again collecting items to donate to Luton Foodbank before Christmas, to support the many families in Luton who are struggling to access enough food. Each tutor group has a box to fill. Please donate any of the following items if you are able to, by Monday 13th December.

- Pasta
 - Rice
 - Noodles
 - Tins – soup, beans, vegetables, fruit
 - Tins – tuna, ready meals
 - Jars – jam, peanut butter, pasta sauce
 - Sugar
 - Squash
 - Tea or coffee
 - Cereal
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- Shampoo, shower gel, soap, deodorants, toothpaste
- Washing up liquid

AST TESTING

Once again, the government has requested schools to conduct on-site testing upon the pupils return to school in January. Please complete the online form below to consent to the testing so that we can prepare this side of the Christmas Holiday for the testing from the 5th January. This must be completed by Wednesday 8th December by 9am.

<https://forms.office.com/r/phPYrE053j>

If you would like to see the COVID-19 Testing Privacy Statement it is available [here](#) or on our website under the COVID tab.

As ever, below are some reminders for you to read.

With prayers for Advent,

Andrew Bull
Headteacher

Last Day of Term

The last day of term is **FRIDAY 17th DECEMBER**. We will be finishing school at **14.00**. The buses will run at this time, but if you collect your child please arrange to pick them up earlier than normal.

Uniform

Please check the uniform policy in the student planners so that you are aware of all the high expectations.

Collecting pupils by car

No cars are allowed on site between 3pm and 3.50pm (except where permission has been given in advance). For the safety and welfare of all pupils please support the school in this. If you need to pick up your child by car then wait until after 3.15 or collect them from somewhere close to the school, away from Warden Hill Road.

Do follow all that we are up to on our Twitter feed [@CNSLuton](#) and Instagram feed [@CNSLuton](#)

Week beginning 6th December

<i>This is Week 2 on the timetable</i>	
Monday 6th	Yr 13 Exams Yr 11 Art and Graphics Exam Yr 11 Food GCSE exam
Tuesday 7th	Yr 13 Exams
Wednesday 8th	Yr 13 Exams
Thursday 9th	Yr 13 Exams Yr 9 Parents Evening
Friday 10th	Yr 13 Exams Waffles and Breakfast with the Headteacher 15.00 – 17.00 - Headteacher's Detention

Upcoming dates

See Advent Calendar attached