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Dear Parents and Guardians

It has been an amazing term for us at Esher High School and a truly rewarding one for me as my first as the Head of School. The students have been fantastic and shown that they are eager and ready to learn more and more every day. This doesn't happen without your excellent support so I thank you all very much for that.

Autumn Term Highlights

Bringing back our wider curriculum offer with such a range of after school clubs has been one of the top achievements from my perspective. In some weeks we have had over 700 students participate in an after-school club!

We have had our House System relaunch which is going from strength to strength, with lots of charity and giving events throughout the term to continue our work as a Christian school supporting those who need it most. The generosity of our community never ceases to amaze.

Our Year 11 students have sat their PPEs (Pre-Public Exams) and received their results this week. We are so proud of their efforts and look forward to continuing their learning when we return in January. The Year 11 Parents' Evening (online) is on Thursday 13 January, so keep that evening free.

Last week we held our first "Be More Day" at school. We had no formal lessons on this day and each year group followed a range of different activities. Years 8-11 visited the Church for a Christmas service, we had parents support our Year 11 students with mock interviews, then other years experienced activities including team building, problem solving, virtual reality games and revision skills sessions. Year 7 split into two groups and headed off to RHS Wisley and Brooklands, which will be repeated in January. We topped the day off with a House Christmas Quiz.

Although Covid hasn't moved on, I thank you for your support of the vaccination service that came into school as well as the recent change to reintroducing mask wearing. We know this has all helped to keep case numbers down and students in school.

The Term Ahead

We will return in January with a staggered start again, to allow the on-site testing of students after the holidays. If you have not yet completed the consent form, could you please use this [link](#) to complete the form before we return in January.

A reminder of the dates of return:

Tuesday 4 January Year 11 & Year 7

Wednesday 5 January Year 10 & Year 8

Thursday 6 January Year 9

There will be live online lessons being taught from January 4 for the year groups not in school. Students will access these via Microsoft Teams.

We are crossing our fingers and toes that there will be no announcements that will affect this plan. If there is anything that changes, I will write to you outlining any implications for us as a school. We will also use social media to share any important updates and reminders, so it is important to follow us there too.

Final Thoughts

We started our journey this academic year with the motto of Belong, Be More, Be Esher. This was to bring to life our school's core values of Wisdom, Hope, Community and Dignity. I hope that you can find time during the holidays to talk with your child/ren about what they have learnt this term at school. It doesn't always have to be about the written work, this is important but not the only priority. It is just as important to ask about their 'softer/personal' learnings. I hope the experience we have given them this term prompts them to speak fondly and with excitement when they take time to reflect.

I wish you all a very happy, safe and healthy Christmas.

Kind regards



Mr A King
Head of School



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