

8th December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Once again, we are all very much looking forward to the Christmas holidays after a long and challenging Autumn term. I would like to pass on my thanks to everyone involved in the Kelvin Hall community, including our parents and students, for all of their support, hard work and dedication this term.

I am writing to confirm the arrangements for the Christmas holidays, the start of the Spring Term in January 2022, and to share with you an important resource provided by Hull City Council to support parents and carers.

### End of Term Arrangements

This year, in recognition of the Queen's Jubilee, an additional bank holiday has been created on Friday 3rd June 2022. As this bank holiday falls within our May half-term, we are required to provide students and staff with one additional holiday day. This additional holiday day will be on Friday 17th December 2021.

**The last day of school this term will be Thursday 16th December 2021.** There will be a staggered end to this day with students leaving at the below times.

Year 7 - 13:20

Year 8 - 13:15

Year 9 - 13:10

Year 10 - 13:05

Year 11 - 13:00

This day will also be a Christmas Jumper day, students are invited to attend in Christmas-themed non-uniform and make a donation of £1 to charity. This year we will be supporting our local team of the Barnado's children's charity.

### Start of Term Arrangements

As part of updated guidance to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and in response to the Omicron variant, all secondary schools have been instructed to conduct onsite Lateral Flow Testing for students before they return to classrooms in January. Due to the size of our school and year groups, this will require a staggered start to face-to-face teaching in January. Arrangements for each year group and population are shown below.

Year Group and Population	Testing Day	First day of face-to-face lessons
Year 11 (D Pop & N Pop)	Tuesday 4th January	Wednesday 5th January
Year 10 (D Pop <b>only</b> )	Tuesday 4th January	Thursday 6th January
Year 10 (N Pop <b>only</b> )	Wednesday 5th January	Thursday 6th January
Year 9 (D Pop & N Pop)	Wednesday 5th January	Thursday 6th January
Year 8 (D Pop & N Pop)	Thursday 6th January	Friday 7th January
Year 7 (D Pop & N Pop)	Friday 7th January	Monday 10th January

Additional information regarding your child's allocated time for lateral flow testing will be shared with you separately before our return. We will also share the consent form again with any parents who have not already given consent, in order to give you the opportunity to do so. Any students who have had a positive PCR result within 90 days of their testing day are advised not to take a test, as there is a chance this will result in a false positive.

This is not the start of the Spring term that we were hoping for but we must follow the instructions from the Department for Education. In order to minimise this disruption, from Wednesday 5th January, any students not attending face-to-face lessons will receive remote education resources through Google Classroom.

### Safer Schools App

Hull City Council has provided an important new resource for parents and carers to support you in keeping your children safe, this is the 'Safer Schools App'. The App provides support on topics including online bullying, mental health, image sharing, digital literacy, gaming and sexual exploitation online. It costs nothing to download and provides access to advice, guidance and training, with a specific focus on making children and young people safer in the online world.

You can download the 'Safer Schools App' on the Apple App Store if you have an iOS device or the Google Play Store if you are operating on Android. Once you have downloaded the App, search for 'Hull City Council' and use the login code **7675** or scan the QR Code included in this letter.



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Finally, I would like to wish all parents, carers and students a very happy and peaceful Christmas holiday. We look forward to seeing all students return to school after a well-earned break, refreshed and ready for the spring term.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Christopher Leng  
Head of School  
Kelvin Hall School

