



22 October 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

End of Autumn Half Term Update

I hope that you and your families continue to stay safe and well during the current period, where the effects of the Coronavirus Pandemic still continue to have an impact on our local community and the Town as a whole.

Our first Half Term has produced an excellent beginning to the academic year. Our climate for learning is calm and purposeful. The attitudes of our students have continued to be positive, friendly and polite. Above all we have students that hold our vision of 'excellence in all that we do' close to their hearts and are concentrating hard on their learning both in and out of lesson. In addition they have been telling us how much they value the support and guidance that is provided by all of our staff. This journey of rapid school improvement will continue to unfold into the rest of this academic year with the undoubted help and focus of all of our school community.

I would like to thank you for your support as Parents and Carers and ask that we continue to work together to make sure that our climate for learning is maintained throughout the year. This is particularly in maintaining our high standards for behaviour, uniform, attendance and punctuality.

As communicated in correspondence before the Summer holiday, I remind you of the following dates for your diary for the remainder of the Autumn Term:

Date	Focus
1 November 2021	Professional Development Day (Staff Training) – No students in school.
26 November 2021	Additional Bank Holiday required to be taken during academic year 2021-22 (Queen Elizabeth II – Platinum Jubilee) – No students in school.
17 December 2021	End of Term (Students welcomed to their Christmas holiday and dismissed from the academy at 1400).

In-School Vaccination Programme (12-15 Years Old)

We are still awaiting confirmation of the dates that the vaccination programme from NHS England will take place at Wyvern Academy. We shall be in contact as soon as the dates are confirmed.

Out-of-school Vaccination Programme (12-15 Years Old)

The Department for Education (DfE) announced on Wednesday 20 October that NHS England will soon offer 12 to 15 year olds the opportunity to get their COVID-19 vaccine **out-of-school**, such as through vaccination centres. This offer will run in parallel to the in-school vaccination programme.

Parents and Carers of children aged 12 to 15 will receive a letter from the NHS with more information on the vaccination programme shortly, including information about how to book an appointment out-of-school, if this option is preferred.

Asymptomatic COVID-19 testing

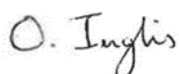
Thank you for continuing to conduct twice-weekly Lateral Flow Tests at home. This is a key part of reducing transmission of COVID-19 in secondary schools and colleges and reducing case rates across settings.

Testing during half-term is very important and we strongly recommend testing at home before students return after half-term to allow for the best start possible.

Further government information on Coronavirus measures can be sought by clicking on the following [link](#).

On behalf of the Academy and Consilium Academies Trust, I would like to wish you and your family well over the Half Term holiday, and look forward to safely welcoming your child back to Wyvern Academy in November.

Yours faithfully,



Mr Owen Inglis
Headteacher