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Dear Parent or Carer,

Half-Term Update 23 October

I hope this update finds you well and looking forward to a well deserved break over half-term. It has been fantastic to see how students, staff and families have pulled together as a community to overcome the challenges we face from the COVID-19 pandemic. We are so pleased to have been able to be open to students despite all the restrictions we have had to operate under.

This week has been really productive and it was great to have Y11s back in after their day of remote learning last Friday. It's also been great to see staff and students working so productively right up to the last, including a whole year group dance rehearsal/performance for Y7 last lesson yesterday (and including students we have currently kayaking down the River Dart with staff today!)

We have had no further positive cases of COVID-19 this week, leaving the one confirmed case in the school community since we returned on 7 September. If this changes at any stage, including over the holidays, we will of course let you know straight away.

1) What to do if you have symptoms, have to self-isolate or have a positive test over the holiday

Although the College is now closed until 2 November, please continue to report to us any COVID-19 related self-isolation symptoms by emailing studentabsences@kingedwardvi.devon.sch.uk This includes of course if your young person were to receive confirmation they have tested positive.

2) Return to School 2 November

All students are back in as normal on Monday 2 November. Please note we come back on Week B of the timetable. Please also note students should be on site each day for 08:45, and be reassured that we are always made aware if school buses or public transport is running late.

3) Feedback

It has been great to have had the chance to engage with so many questions and feedback over the past 7 weeks. We will continue our regular Q and A sessions after the holiday- the next date is 4-5pm on Thursday 12 November.

Parents and carers have expressed so much gratitude to me about the efforts staff are putting in and it is a privilege to be able to reflect and share this with colleagues. Please don't forget the power of a simple thank you to those adults working with your young people. A quick email or message to a colleague who has especially helped your young person over the past half term counts for so much.

Thank you again for the support you have shown your young person and the College over the past weeks. We all wish you a restful and happy half term week and look forward to seeing you all again on 2 November.

Yours sincerely

Alan Salt
Principal