KING EDWARD VI COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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Dear Parent or Carer,

This is the final update of 2021, so I hope it finds you, your young person and your family looking forward to a well-deserved break over the holiday season.

It has been an amazing term here since September, and this week we have taken the time in assemblies to reflect with students on the achievements they have made collectively and individually over the past 4 months. They have been fantastic.

Equally, we are so lucky to have staff who have battled through a lot of challenges this term to make sure our students come first and get the best possible provision and care from the adults who work with them. Schools everywhere have overcome difficulties, particularly around staff absence resulting from COVID.

So, we are all looking forward to a restful holiday, and we are ready and excited for what 2022 will bring! On that note, please remember for the start of next term:

Start of Term in January

All students start back on **Wednesday 5 January**. To enable us to make sure students are aware of any timetable changes, we have tutorial for all students from 0850 to 0910 on that first morning. We will be around and about as ever to make sure students get to the right place. We start back on week A.

LFD Testing prior to 5 January

All secondary schools nationally have been asked to ensure that all students take a LFD test for COVID at the end of the holiday period to ensure that we prevent the potential spread of the virus following the holidays. This is so important for the safety of our students, staff and community. We have given lots of LFD packs out to all students this week. If you have missed your pack, perhaps because your young person has been absent from school, we have arranged that you can collect packs over the holidays on the following dates:

- Monday 20th December (10am to 1pm) Ariel Reception, Redworth Site
- Tuesday 4th January (10am to 1pm) Ariel Reception, Redworth Site















COVID Vaccinations

Please remember that young people can still access vaccines over the Christmas holidays, and that doing so helps keep all of us safe from the worse effects of COVID-19:

- 12-15 year-olds can access a first dose
- 16-17 year-olds can access 2 doses
- 18 year-olds can access 2 doses plus a booster

All details are available here <u>https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/who-can-get-the-vaccine/</u>

Finally, can I take this opportunity to thank you for the amazing support you have shown to your young people and the College over the past term, and to wish you a very happy, peaceful and restful holiday season.

With best wishes,

Yours faithfully,

Alan Salt **Principal**