



7<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I'd like to thank all parents and carers for their support over this term. As we approach Christmas, I have reflected on the past term and I am grateful for the excellent staff and students we have here at St Anne's Academy.

### **Ofsted Inspection 30 November 2021**

As you will be aware, we had a two day Ofsted Inspection last week. This was a very constructive visit and our students were a credit to the Academy. We now await the formal written outcome which is expected after Christmas and will be shared with parents and carers upon receipt.

### **Christmas Lunch & Jumper Day and Academy Fundraising**

As a reminder, Christmas Lunch, which is free of charge to all students, will take place on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021. On this date, students may wear a Christmas jumper or one other festive item of clothing. Apart from the jumper or other item, such as socks or a scarf, students must wear full uniform. Students are asked to donate £1 to our chosen charity, Save the Children, on Christmas Jumper Day.

If you would like to donate gloves, hats, scarves, socks and toiletry products to support our local community homeless project, please do so by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

### **Academy Christmas Celebrations and Closure on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

During the week before Christmas, we will celebrate the many achievements of our wonderful students this term through Awards assemblies and other activities in school. On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021, the last day of term, Year 10 and 11 students will have the rare opportunity to hear from an extremely motivational and inspirational speaker, Richard McCann, who will tell his story of overcoming adversity and demonstrating the power of an **iCan** approach.

The Academy will offer a 'grab and go' lunch service to all students on the last day of term on a pre-order basis only. Students who normally pay for their meals will need to pay as usual so please ensure that your child has enough funds on their lunch account.

The Academy will then close for the Christmas break slightly earlier than normal, as usual for the last day of the Autumn Term. Students in Years 7 to 10 inclusive will be dismissed at 12.00 noon and Year 11 earlier at 10.30am due to having their College Application examination results event that morning.

### **Message from the Chaplain at Christmas**

Looking back over the last year at the Academy, there have been a range of highs and lows felt by all. It is at this time of year that we remember the community, the care and love of the place that we find in great days and tough days too. We hold onto that, particularly at Christmas time, and the new year of refreshment and relaxation during the winter

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break. I hope you find that peace that sustains us through the year and hold onto this and share it with friends and family wherever you are this Christmas.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and wonderful New Year. God Bless.

### **Covid Guidance and Arrangements for the Return to School in January 2022**

Government guidance requires us to test students for Covid using lateral flow tests once in school upon return from the Christmas break. In order to accommodate this, we will test all students by year group on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

Students should arrive at school at the allocated time shown below for their Covid test, following which they may then return home. School will then recommence as normal on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 08:30 for all year groups.

<b>Year Group</b>	<b>Arrival time for Covid Test</b>
<b>7</b>	09:15 am
<b>8</b>	10:15 am
<b>9</b>	11:15 am
<b>10</b>	12:45 pm
<b>11</b>	13:45 pm

Existing student consent forms will be relied upon for this purpose however **if you have not yet given consent for your child please go to [St Anne's Academy Student NHS Test and Trace Consent Form for Covid Testing \(office.com\)](https://www.stannesacademy.org.uk/office/consent-forms) to complete the online form.** If you would prefer to receive a paper copy for completion and return, please call us on 0161 643 2643 or email [admin@stannesacademy.org.uk](mailto:admin@stannesacademy.org.uk).

Please continue to test your child for Covid at home twice weekly including throughout the Christmas break. Lateral flow tests are available free of charge for all students at school. Please also test your child at home as a further precaution before they return to school in January.

Thank you to parents and carers for supporting the Academy by providing your child with a face covering to wear at school. Please continue to do this in line with government guidance in order to help keep the whole Academy community safe and reduce the risk of transmission of Covid at school.

### **Year 11 Virtual Parents' Evening Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

In line with advice from Public Health Rochdale, the Year 11 Parents' Evening on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022 will now be held virtually via Teams. A separate letter will be issued to all Year 11 parents and carers containing full instructions on how to book and join your appointments with subject teachers.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year when they arrive. Please take care over the festive period.

Yours sincerely,



Mr C Heyes  
Headteacher

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