



Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December

## End of Term Newsletter

Dear parents/carers,

We have very nearly reached the end of term, so my update below includes news and key messages for tomorrow, the Christmas break and the start of next term.

**End of term arrangements** – tomorrow is an own-clothes day (with Christmas jumpers encouraged)– if students wish to take part, they should bring a £2 donation which will go to the Redbridge Foodbank. We will do full lunch service during the first break, and then students will be dismissed at 12.30.

**Start of term** – the students return to school on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January at 8.35am.

**Covid Testing** – if you have consented for on-site Covid testing on 4<sup>th</sup> January, you will have received an email with details of times to arrive. Any questions, please email [admin@theforestacademy.co.uk](mailto:admin@theforestacademy.co.uk).

If students need **extra lateral flow test-kits**, they can be collected from school reception. Regular testing is an essential part of breaking chains of transmission and keeping the whole school community safe.

**Risk Assessment** – the updated risk assessment based on new government guidance, is on the school website [here](#). The main update is that close contacts of any positive Covid case, should now do daily lateral flow tests.

**Vaccination** – the Department For Education have asked that we share this information about [vaccination for 12-15 year](#) olds including how to book vaccines, and this link to the [national vaccination booking service](#), including eligibility information for first vaccines and boosters.

**Christmas Showcase** – our festive ‘Christmas Showcase’ last night was brilliant fun, and massive congratulations and thanks to all of the students and staff who made it happen. Thanks for being such an enthusiastic audience and for all of your support. There are some photos on the next page, and the recording will be shared soon.

**Give-a-gift** – thank you for all of the incredibly generous contributions to our give-a-gift campaign – a staggering quantity of food and items have been delivered to the local foodbank and care home.



TOGETHER FOSTERING ACHIEVEMENT

Finally, I want to thank you all for your support this term. As a school community, it has been great to return to our key school events, and as much of a 'normal' school term as possible. Attendance has been brilliant, and the students have worked so hard in their lessons. I hope you all have a restful break over Christmas and new year and look forward to welcoming everyone back on 5<sup>th</sup> January.

Kind regards,

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