



Clitheroe Royal Grammar School

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Dear Parent / Carer,

As we approach the Christmas break we wanted to write with a number of updates as well as to wish you and your family a safe and happy holiday.

Yesterday's Government Announcement

As you are probably aware by now, the [government announced yesterday afternoon](#) that there will be a "staggered start" to the new term: *"All non-exam year groups will receive full-time remote education, as close as possible to that which students would get in class, during the first week of term, with face-to-face education for all starting on 11 January... students in exam year groups, vulnerable children and children of critical workers will all attend school or college in person from the start of term"*. This means that **Year 13 will return as usual on 4th January**, with Year 12 continuing to receive remote education for a further week. This should make it easier for Year 13 to social distance within Sixth Form as they will be able to have sole use of communal spaces.

Track and Trace

You may be aware that school staff have been asked to continue to Track and Trace positive cases during the first part of the Christmas break. However, as Year 12 and 13 have not been on site since Friday 11th December, we only need to be informed if they first developed symptoms last weekend (12th and 13th December) as Public Health England determines that the infectious period is 48 hours prior to the onset of symptoms. Therefore, if your son / daughter tests positive over the holidays, there is no need to contact the Sixth Form unless their self-isolation will impact on their return on the 4th January. Please email sixthformattendance@crgs.org.uk to let us know that this is the case.

It is important that if your son / daughter develops Covid-19 symptoms towards the end of the holiday that they are tested and remain at home until they are feeling better and are in receipt of a negative test result. We would also like to remind you that students must remain at home if a household member is awaiting a test result, until this is known to be negative. Please let us know straight away if emergency contacts for your child change. It is even more crucial than usual that we have up-to-date contact information for you at the moment.

Staying safe online this Christmas

Whether trying out new games, sharing family photographs or live streaming lunch, this December we will probably be spending more time online playing and socialising. CEOP have produced [a guide for parents and carers](#) on how you can support your child to be safer online this season. In addition, we attach two guides to help keep young people safe on any new devices they may receive.

UCAS

We have sent over 230 UCAS forms this term and we will continue to process applications on our return on 4th January. If any students still need to "pay and send" they should do so over the Christmas break as the final deadline for us to send 2021 applications is 15th January 2021. Applications can be made after this date, but these will be treated as late submissions by the universities.

Thank you

We are extremely appreciative of all of the positive messages, emails, cards and gifts which have been delivered to both sites in recent days. It means a great deal to all of our staff to feel the support from parents, students and the community and we are very grateful. We would like to wish you and your family a safe and peaceful break and look forward to welcoming your son/daughter back into Sixth Form on Monday 4th January 2021.

With best wishes,



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