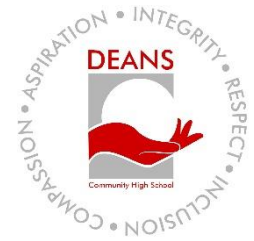


Parent Update

4 December 2020



Dear Parents and Carers

As we enter the final couple of weeks of term, we have been able to maintain a few of the Christmas traditions that we normally look forward to in school. House Captains have been leading the Tutor door decoration challenge and have organised a Christmas jumper day for all students on Friday 11th December and a dress down day for Friday 18th December.

Christmas lunch will be on the menu in the school dining hall on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week at a cost of £2.35 and this will be a set menu (with trimmings) of either turkey, steak pie or vegetarian option. Given some of the restrictions we are operating under, students can still order cold lunch using the app however only the Christmas lunch will be available to buy on these days without pre-ordering through the app. Students should ensure that they do not use up the money on their lunch cards at morning break if they want to buy a Christmas lunch.

A few classes are gathering donations from students and staff for local food banks and Christmas hampers for the residents of Deans House. We fully understand that this year in will be an especially difficult one financially for many people and our students in particular were very keen to help where they can.

S1/2 tracking reports will be issued next week. These are a new report for the BGE and form part of our refreshed reporting system. The intention is to give parents/carers a brief snapshot of the progress their child is making in each of their subjects and a fuller report will be issued later in the session.

West Lothian College applications will open on Thursday 3 December for both full and part time college courses. Early application is recommended to increase students' chances of getting an interview for a place on the course they want to do. There is support available with their application and these sessions will take place in the school library. No need to register, students just need to attend on the appropriate day.

College applications sessions:

S4 - Monday 7 December - Period 6 & 7

S5 - Wednesday 9 December - Period 6 & 7

S6 - Monday 14 December - Period 6 & 7 (*Evelyn Rodgers*)

As always, I hope that you and your families stay safe and well.

Pauline Allison

Head Teacher

Reminder of Covid 19 Protocols

As you are aware, with the return of our pupils and staff to school, we have put procedures in to place that support all members of the school community if anyone displays symptoms of Covid 19.

A reminder that the symptoms are:

- High temperature or fever
- A new continuous cough
- A loss of, or change in sense of smell or taste

If a pupil displays symptoms, we will contact you to collect your child (please ensure that we have your most up to date contact details). **Pupils over the age of 16 may return home themselves.** The pupil should, if possible, wear a face covering en route and avoid public transport.

You will be asked to follow Test and Protect and we will provide you with a copy of the Test and Protect Leaflet and Step by Step Guide when your child is collected.

Information on the groups of children within the school, **and on school transport**, and the adults that each group of children come in to contact with will be collected. This is to fulfil legal responsibilities for public health and will allow Test and Protect to contact appropriate people in the event of a positive test result.

If anyone within your household tests positive for Covid 19, please do not send your child to school. Report their absence and the reason for this by calling PSA in the morning.