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Dear Parent/Carer,

Weekly Parental Update 8.10.21 – week 5

This week, owing to the rise in cases, we have made face coverings compulsory, this is a necessary precaution which does not impact too greatly on the educational experience of young people, ahead of more severe measures if cases continue to rise.

I am very keen that we find the right balance between keeping young people safe whilst also allowing them to have an enjoyable education. So, at the moment, though we have stopped having fixtures with other schools, we will continue to run our clubs and in-school activities as much as possible, just adapted to make them COVID safe.

House Competition Scores

Sadly, the Year 8 house competitions have been unable to run this week as, with many students now isolating, the houses have been unable to field teams, so we felt it better to postpone and replay them than disadvantage any single house. So, the current House scores are:

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	House Total
Notre Dame	8	8	7	88	109	220
Campion	9	11	9	85	67	181
Mount Carmel	3	4	4	47	64	122
West Park	10	7	10	50	30	107

Teams/Satchel One

My optimism last week was sadly misplaced and there remain issues with establishing a sustained link between Satchel One and Teams. So, for now we continue to set homework work in TEAMS assignments. Parents should still receive a weekly email summarising all the homeworks and deadlines that have been set for their child on TEAMS for the week.

IT Systems

One message that came through from the Big Ask, was some confusion over the various IT systems that the school uses, in particular for our new Year 7 parents. We are keen to address this and ensure that you have clarity on these systems. So you should have received a letter from Mrs Croft which outlines exactly each system, what it is used for and the login format.

Year 11 Information Evening

We are now finalising the information that will be getting sent out for this. Parents should receive the pack of information and links to the video clips on Thursday. We hope you will find this useful in helping you work with us to support your child to prepare for their GCSEs.

GCSE Changes for this Year

The government have now announced the changes for the GCSE arrangements for summer 2022. The Year 11 information evening will cover these, but the following summary from ASCL is very helpful: <https://mailchi.mp/a3dea4472ed2/ascl-bulletin-examinations-2022>

Upcoming Event

Below are some of the key events coming up this half term:

11th – 15th October – Year 7 to Year 10 Assessment Week

14th October – Year 11 Information Evening (this will be delivered virtually)

21st October – Open Evening (students finish at 1.30pm)

22nd October – School closes for half term

1st November – School reopens for half term 2

COVID Related Information

Further Controls

As rates continue to rise we have implemented additional controls including the compulsory wearing of face coverings and onsite testing. We will continue to monitor the daily rates of infection and work with Public Health officials to try to keep our community safe.

Vaccinations

We are still yet to hear from the local authority how and when the roll out of the COVID vaccine for children will take place. I will, of course, let you know when the information comes through.

And finally...

Next week I hope to have an end of half term newsletter rather than the usual update.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Rannard

Headteacher