



Weekly Newsletter February 11th 2022

Hello again everyone. After last week, I won't be making a prediction for the rugby this weekend! Lesson learned but we live in hope.

Covid Information

The protocols for schools in terms of mitigation against covid will be changing as of Monday February 28th. I can confirm that, from that date, the wearing of face masks in classrooms will be optional but will be expected in communal areas indoors. The recommendation from that date will be for two LFD tests per week rather than 3. We are currently reviewing our whole school Risk Assessment regarding other current protocols and I will update you on the outcome of this review before we break for half-term.

- From last week, isolation in instances of a positive covid test will be for 5 days. Your child must, though, take LFD tests 24 hours apart on day 5 and day 6. If both are negative, then they can return to school.
- If either or both are positive, then testing needs to be repeated every 24 hours until 2 consecutive positive LFD tests are received; isolation can end after this.
- Isolation ends after 10 days even if LFD tests remain positive. However, if your child is covid symptomatic at this point then they will need to take a PCR test.

Positive covid cases amongst the pupil population has now dipped to well below 1%.

Year 9 options and guidance process

On 15th, 16th or 17th February each Year 9 student will have a one-to-one interview with a senior member of staff to assist with their options choices and next steps. They will also take part in a Careers Wales workshop. It is important that students complete up to and including page 7 in their individual learning pathway plan in preparation for their interview. A copy of the Individual Learning Pathway Plan is available on the school website in the following location:

<https://www.whitchurchhs.wales/Curriculum/Y10and11SubjectInformation/ILPP.html>

Year 12 Parents' evening 2, Wednesday March 2nd:

- The online system is open for parents to book appointments with teachers. The system will close at midnight on Tuesday 1st March. We encourage all parents to attend to speak to their child's tutors to find out what work needs to be done in the build up to the AS exams which start on May 16th – 10 school weeks away!

Sixth form online application deadline:

- The deadline for internal online applications to WHS Sixth form is Friday 18th February.

General

- Due to circumstances beyond the control of the school, the INSET days for the rest of the academic year are now as follows:

Monday February 28th
Friday April 8th

Monday 20th June
Friday 22nd July

- Year 11 reports will be issued today (Friday)

Kind regards and have a lovely weekend.



Mark Powell