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# Ormiston Bolingbroke Academy

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Ref: KES/SKY

Dear Parents and Carers

The end of term is fast approaching and I wanted to thank you for the wonderful support you have given in what has been another challenging term.

In the last couple of weeks, I have had to take the decision to move Progress Evenings online for Years 11, 12 and 13 in order to keep everyone safe before Christmas. The school show has had to be scaled back and Saturday academy cancelled for our primary schools. I hope that taking these precautions now means that we are able to return to normal service after Christmas.

Week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> December each year group will have a celebration assembly to recognise the achievements of our students. Award winners will then be invited to a special breakfast on either Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December or Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December. These have been challenging times for everyone and I want to reward great effort and achievement.

Christmas Jumper day will be on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December. Students can wear a Christmas jumper for a donation of £1 to Halton Haven Hospice, our close neighbours. This can be paid via the School gateway or there will be a bucket to collect donations on the day. If students wear a Christmas jumper they do not need to wear their blazer but they must wear the rest of their school uniform. It is not a non-uniform day.

School will close to students at 12.15pm on this day. If your child is entitled to a school meal then this will be provided if required. The school will be closed throughout the Christmas period but our emails will be monitored at regular intervals should you have any issues that you need to raise. The email address is [admin@ob-ac.co.uk](mailto:admin@ob-ac.co.uk).

On our return in January once again we are required to test students; this means that the start of term arrangements have changed to allow this to happen. Year groups will return as follows:

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022 - Years 7, 11 and 13 at 8.30am

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022 - Years 10 and 12 at 8.30am in addition to the above year groups

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2022 - Years 8 and 9 at 8.30am in addition to the above year groups

If you have previously given consent for your child to take a lateral flow test then this will be taken as consent for January unless you contact the school to withdraw this. If you have not previously given consent but wish your child to be tested please complete the attached form and return to school. Only those students with consent will be tested.

At present the guidance is for masks to be worn in communal areas. Can I ask that you provide your child with a mask as we only have limited supplies in school. Should this guidance change, updates will be provided.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas.

Kathryn Evans  
Principal