

4th January 2022



Dear Parents

Happy New Year! I hope you and your family had a good break over Christmas and enjoyed time together.

Students have responded very well to the additional Covid restrictions in place today. Whilst no one wants to be wearing face coverings in lessons and corridors the evidence does show that they greatly reduce the transmission of Covid and therefore the expectation is these will be worn until the government review on 26th January. Most students are arriving to school with their own face covering and hopefully this will be everyone tomorrow.

Over the Christmas break there has been a large amount of media coverage about schools and whether they will be able to stay open with the high Omicron variant levels. I would like to assure you that the school should be able to continue to operate normally unless there is suddenly a high level of staff absence. Today we only have one member of staff absent due to Covid and twelve students, most of which were identified by their lateral flow test at home. Please continue to test twice a week as we go through this term.

At the start of each term I write and give an overview of events for the term. All this information is always in the Parent Calendar with events for the year and there is also a Wiltshire Calendar showing the holidays and INSET days. Both these documents can always be found on the Parents section of the Website.

Communication

I am delighted to say we have just appointed a new Admin and Student Services Manager for the Academy. Mrs Dixon lives within our local community and is an ex Westwood St Thomas student, so already has a history with us. When she starts, in a couple of weeks, she will be reviewing our communication to parents to make it as easy and effective as possible.

With regard to contacting teachers, the use of ClassCharts messages are very easy and effective. Please be aware that staff will aim to reply within 24 hours and only in working hours, so if you send a message over the weekend it is unlikely to be read until Monday and if the teacher is teaching all day it could be Tuesday before you have a response. If it is anything urgent please do call the main office who will help you.

Term 3 dates (subject to change)

6th January The Big Write judging
11th January The Big Speak launch
13th January The Big Write Awards Ceremony
18th January The Peripatetic Music Performance
20th January Parents Evening – Years 11&13 only - ONLINE
3rd February Extended Learning Day 2
9th February MLP Engineering Challenge Day
18th February Close of Term 3 – Non-Uniform Day

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Enrichment for Term 3

Extra-curricular enrichment will restart on Monday, 10th January and your child is very welcome to attend any sessions they would like to. The enrichments change each term, please encourage your child to take part in some after-school activities if it is possible. There is no charge for any session and no need to sign up in advance. Face coverings will need to be worn for enrichments inside but not for sports.

Monday	3-4pm	Tuesday	3-4pm	Thursday	3-4pm
Football Year 9 – 11	PE team	Dodgeball Sports Hall	PE team	Football Year 7-8	PE team
Rugby All Years	PE team	Darts (invitation only) Sports Hall	PE team	Boccia Sports Hall	PE team
Fitness Suite Year 7-8	PE team	Year 11 PE booster PE Classroom	PE team	New Age Curling Sports Hall	PE team
Eco Club All Years C5	Mr Bate	TCG (trading card game)	Mr Maddison	Fitness Suite Year 9-11	PE team
Girls Club Year 11 - Invitation only P3	Miss Rock	Duke of Edinburgh (Year 9 and above) Arundells	Mr Jones (SLT)	Lego Club Activities Studios	Mrs Pearce
Instrument Ensemble Music Room	Mr Filer	Soroptimist Club SC2	Science team	Choir Music Room	Mrs Murphy- Scott and Mr Filer
History Film Club P2	Mr Miller	Fashion Design AR2	Mrs Jones		
Homework Club W1	Support Staff	Homework Club W1	Support Staff	Homework Club W1	Support Staff

More details for all events will be sent home via email two weeks ahead of the date. If you would like a paper copy then please do email enquiries@sarumacademy.org or pop into the main office.

For any other queries the best person to contact is usually your child's tutor via ClassCharts.

If you would like to meet with me at all then please do get in touch via email or call the Academy Office between 8:00am and 4:00pm.

Yours sincerely



Mrs J Moore
Headteacher