



SECONDARY PARENT / STUDENT WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

19th - 26th NOVEMBER 2021

LFD TESTING

Twice-weekly LFD testing - please support us by continuing to do the twice-weekly LFD Tests at home. This is proving invaluable in managing Covid-19 within secondary schools.

PROCEDURE FOR A POSITIVE PCR TEST

Please note this procedure is not the same for the whole school and follows the Department for Education (DfE) recommendations

A report of PCR confirmed case in the school - All parents in the class are told as soon as we have been made aware of the positive case. (Positive LFTs must be confirmed by PCR)

Primary - If your child is a close contact it is advisable to organise a PCR test for your child, as primary classes mix substantially we recommend that all children do a PCR test. Schools do not act as track and trace. The DfE does not recommend LFTs for primary children.

Secondary - If your child is a close contact it is advisable to organise a PCR test for your child, please ask your children who they sit next to classes and who they spend a lot of time with. All other classmates should do an LFT before they next come to school and continue to do LFTs twice a week (which they still can get from reception).

If an LFT is positive, it has to be confirmed by a PCR test within 48 hours. If you wait longer than 48 hours, you must isolate for 10 days even if the PCR comes back negative. If you do not confirm with a PCR at all, you will need to isolate for 10 days.

Anyone who had Covid can return to school 10 full days after the positive PCR test if they were asymptomatic OR 10 full days after the onset of symptoms. Anyone still suffering from a high temperature beyond the 10 days self-isolation period should continue to isolate until their temperature has returned to normal

PROFESSOR GERVASE ROSSER - Thursday 25th November 2021

Professor Gervase Rosser from St Catherine's college, organiser of the exhibition at the Ashmolean museum 'Dante: The Invention of Celebrity', will be in school to introduce Italian students to the figure and modernity of Dante on the 700th anniversary of his death and to answer pupils' questions.

PTA CHRISTMAS GIFTS AUCTION

<https://www.jumblebee.co.uk/christmasgiftsauction>

INTERACT CLUB'S PHOTO COMPETITION

By giving £1 you are able to enter into our **nature** themed photo competition. The submitted photos will be uploaded onto an online gallery where they can be viewed by everyone to vote for their favourite photos. Prizes will be awarded, including the chance to win a one to one course with a professional photographer!

The deadline for submission is the **27th November 2021**.

Click [here](#) to find more information about the photo competition and how to enter and/or vote.

This fundraiser will support **Mary's Meals**, a charity which sets up school feeding programmes in some of the world's poorest communities where hunger and poverty prevent children from gaining an education. The charity provides a daily meal, in a place of education for children, improving school enrolment and contributing to positive educational outcomes.

For more information on this amazing initiative please click here: <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/>



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TO ALL POETS AND CODERS OUT THERE, HERE IS YOUR CHANCE TO ENTER A COMPETITION TO SHOW OFF YOUR TALENTS

Poetry and Coding competition for young people aged 4-18 years on the theme "connectivity and the universe"

Click here for more information: <https://aboutus.earth/about-the-competition>





It is becoming increasingly important for schools to provide Mental Health support for young people. The pandemic and periods of lockdown had a negative impact on a great number of students and we found that a Well-being area for our students has become indispensable.

We would like to create a warm, peaceful and welcoming space for all Secondary students to enjoy in times of distress and are very excited to be setting up a **Well-being Hub**. The Hub will include the school nurse's room, rooms for individual counselling and small group support sessions as well as a Sensory / Break out room for students who feel overwhelmed and need a safe space to de-escalate, and regain a state of calm.

At the moment the rooms look run down and are in need of fresh paint and upgrading. Any donations will help and make a difference - thank you!

Some of the things on our Wishlist:

- Paint for all of the rooms
- Big rug
- Multi - sensory equipment
- Bean bag chair
- Diffuser & essential oils
- Posters and Frames
- Designing a logo
- Sign boards outside the building



If you have any questions please contact Georgie Neville or Karen Marais at wellbeing@europaschool.uk

Any donations will help and make a difference, thank you
<http://virginmoneygiving.com/fund/europa.wellbeing>

CAREER / UCAS

UKAEA'S WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAMME HAS NOW BEEN LAUNCHED

The programme provides as much of a real-life experience as possible for students studying in academic years 10 - 11. The weeks we will be inviting students to UKAEA will be Week Commencing 18 July 2022 and Week Commencing 9 August 2022.

Students can apply for a place by sending a copy of their CV and a covering letter, explaining why they would like to come to UKAEA for work experience. More information can be found here: <https://ccfe.ukaea.uk/careers/early-careers/work-experience/>



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 25 th November	Dante seminar Professor Gervase Rosser from St Catherine's college S3 Virtual parents evening 19h30 - S5 IB DP Info meeting
Friday 26 th November	UCAS internal deadline Personal statement and five university choices
Monday 29 th November	17h00 Music soiree (streamed to families)
Saturday 4 th December	Virtual Christmas Fair
Tuesday 7 th December	S5 Study day S2 Virtual parents evening
Wednesday 8 th December	S5 Exams
Thursday 9 th December	S5 Exams
Friday 10 th December	S5 Exams
Monday 13 th December	S5 Exams – Final day ICT Week
Friday 17 th December	Christmas holidays begin at 15h45
<u>2022</u>	
Tuesday 4 th January	Return to school - First day of the 2 nd Semester