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Dear families

Thank you all for your support and co-operation with our changed arrangements for the past few days. The decision to ask some year groups to stay at home was because of the high number of staff that were unwell or isolating, and the risk assessment that we completed with the governing body, Camden Learning and the local Public Health team. Next week we expect a few of those staff to return, but at the start of the week we will still not be able to open to all students. Therefore, our arrangements will be as follows:

**Monday 7th December**

Year 7, 8 and 10 in school 8:35am to 3:10pm

Year 9 at home all day

Year 11 in school p1-4 until 1:10pm, with a grab and go lunch available

Year 12 and 13 lessons will continue as normal across LaSWAP

**Tuesday 8th December**

Year 7, 9 and 10 in school 8:35am to 3:10pm

Year 8 at home all day

Year 11 in school p1-4 until 1:10pm, with a grab and go lunch available

Year 12 and 13 lessons will continue as normal across LaSWAP

I am sorry for the continued disruption that this will cause to your arrangements at home and also to students' learning. Remote provision for students at home will be on Microsoft Teams for those students who have been asked to be at home, including the Year 9 students who are currently isolating.

**Year 11 mock exams**

Year 11 students will begin their GCSE mock exam papers on Wednesday morning and continue to Friday 18th December – a timetable was previously sent to Year 11 parents and students in school were given paper copies on Monday this week. Exams will take place in the gym, and students should arrive no later than 15 minutes before the stated exam time. They must be in full school uniform for their exams, as they would be for GCSE exams. This is an important assessment for these students as they were not able to complete Year 10 end of year exams in the summer, and the results of the mock exams will contribute to their predicted grades. The school will also use this assessment information to plan additional support that will begin in January. This will involve:

- Intervention classes run by subject teachers
- Additional mentoring and supervised revision
- Online tutoring through the National Tutoring Programme, supported by government funding to help students catch up on missed learning from the summer

Any students who miss exams will need to attend catch up sessions so that all papers can be completed before the end of term. The small number of year 11 students who are isolating will be contacted separately about the exams that are taking place before they return to school.

## Charity fundraising

I am pleased to report that in November, we raised over £500 for the Royal British Legion to support those injured in past wars, and the families of soldiers who were killed. At the end of this term, like every year, our non-uniform day will raise money for charities such as Crisis who support those who are homeless in London at Christmas. We are also continuing to support the Kentish Town Community Centre Christmas appeal – please see the attached leaflet for more information.

### **WESPA Winter Prize Draw, Saturday 12 December 2020**

Some lovely prizes have been donated by local businesses for the WESPA raffle. Funds raised will go towards improvements to the school's outside spaces and seating.

You can buy your raffle tickets online here:

<https://raffall.com/139562/enter-raffle-to-win-winter-prize-draw-hosted-by-william-ellis-school-parents-association>

Please share this with friends, family and even neighbours - even if you only buy one ticket, every little helps towards WESPA reaching their fundraising target to support the school!

Wishing you a safe and healthy weekend.

Yours faithfully



Izzy Jones