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Dear families,

I'd like to start this week's letter by saying congratulations to Year 11 students who have completed their mock GCSE examinations this week and last. These are the first whole-cohort exams we have been able to host in this way for two years, and the students rose to the occasion with their excellent attendance and generally exemplary behaviour. I hope that their efforts in revision and preparation pay off in the marks they receive for their papers, which will be returned to them over the next few weeks of teaching in lessons. These grades do not represent an overall teacher assessment but are a useful marker of their progress, and the feedback from their teachers will help them to continue to improve their work in the Spring Term. Thank you also to the families of Year 11 students for all the support you have given them.

Year 12 students have assessments this week, and Year 13s in the first week back in January. Good luck to those students for their revision over the holiday period.

Items coming up this term

While coronavirus rates have risen nationally across England, our rates at William Ellis have remained constant and we are optimistic that events through to the end of term can continue to take place, albeit with some modified arrangements:

Year 8 HPV vaccinations – 14th Dec

Winter Entertainment Evening – 14th Dec

The WESPA Arts and Crafts fair planned for 11th December has been postponed – look out for details next term.

The William Ellis Winter Entertainment will be a festive evening of music and drama. Come and enjoy refreshments while listening to the William Ellis Big Band, Brass Band and many more ensembles and groups. Along with the music we will also be treated to excerpts from Shakespeare's Julius Caesar, courtesy of some of our talented Year 7 actors. Round off the evening by joining in with the Vocal Group in the singing of some Christmas Carols.

Due to the recent developments in the pandemic and government guidance, tickets for the Winter Entertainment event will be limited to ensure social distancing in the performance space. These tickets are available to book through the Eventbrite link below.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/winter-entertainment-evening-14th-december-2021-tickets-220643088417>

We request that ticket-holders complete a lateral flow test on the day of the performance and wear a face mask for the duration of the performances.

The hall will be well-ventilated so it is advised to dress warmly as this will affect the temperature of the performance space.

Return to school in January and Lateral Flow Testing

Students will return to school on 5th January, on a staggered timetable to complete Lateral Flow Testing. We have been instructed to do this by the government so that we can minimise the number of students returning to school with a coronavirus infection.

We will not be collecting consent as we have done this previously for testing earlier in the year. If you have decided to withdraw consent or if your child has had a positive PCR in the last 90 days please contact admin@williamellis.camden.sch.uk.

Monday 3rd	Bank Holiday	
Tuesday 4th	Staff Professional Development Day	
	Years 9 -13	Years 7 & 8
Wednesday 5th	Testing Students in Years 9-11 and Year 13 will be in school for testing only Years 12 students with a negative result will have normal Lessons Periods 3-5	Remain at home
Thursday 6th	Normal lessons for Years 9-12 Year 13 Assessments	Testing Periods 1 & 2 Year 7 & 8 students with a negative result will go to normal Lessons Period 2-5
Friday 7th	Normal Lessons for Years 7-12 Year 13 Assessments	

Please see the PDF email attachment for further detail of the timings for testing on 5th and 6th January.

Yours faithfully,



Izzy Jones
Headteacher