

October letters 2020

There will be a free e-safety webinar on how to keep you children safe online run by our IT company Lourdes IT on Wednesday 21st October at 6:30pm. To join please follow this link. <https://www.lourdesit.org.uk/esafety/>



23rd October 2020

Dear Parents,

Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week

On Monday 16th November we are holding an Odd Sock Day which gives the students an opportunity to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes them all unique.

There is no pressure on the children to wear the latest fashion or for parents to buy expensive costumes. All the students have to do is wear odd socks to school. We would like to invite students to make an appropriate donation. All proceeds will go to Young Minds; donations will ensure that their work championing the wellbeing and mental health of children and young people will continue.

Yours sincerely

Miss Mason
Assistant Headteacher

Friday 23rd October 2020

The 'Home for Good ' outreach appeal for November 2020.

Dear Parents,

Our Christmas outreach appeal for November 2020 will be to support the local charity ' Home for Good ', who support children in care and those who have recently left foster care. This charity provides a simple Christmas stocking gift so that these young adults and children have a Christmas present in our area of Worcestershire. The charity have asked our College for the following items either as one complete gift or as individual parts that can make up a Christmas stocking.

- A bag of sweets e.g Haribo or Starburst
- A simple set of fairy lights or stationery set
- A bottle of shower gel
- A simple toy e.g fidget spinner
- A bag of chocolate coins or Christmas chocolate item
- A pair of fluffy socks

Items should be put into a plastic carrier and returned to Mr James in room by no later than Monday the 9th of November. We have chosen this charity as a result of a request from our students and therefore we will not be supporting Operation Christmas Child this year.

We really do appreciate your help in donating items for our Christmas outreach appeal. Yours Sincerely

Lee James - Head of the R.E

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23rd October 2020

Dear Parent,

Thank you for your ongoing support with all aspects of college life during this half-term. At the time of writing we have had no confirmed cases of COVID 19 in the college however, the reality is that at some stage our community will be affected by the pandemic. In the event of a confirmed case in the college we will follow our detailed action plan and work closely with the relevant authorities to ensure that close contacts are notified. The college has detailed seating plans for every lesson and staff in the college work hard to ensure that Year group bubbles have minimal contact with each other as stated in government guidance.

Please continue to notify the college of any suspected or any confirmed cases of COVID 19 which occur during the half-term holiday. Please notify us on office@blessededward.co.uk or by texting 07516502300. The guidance states that anyone who develops COVID related symptoms or if a household member develops symptoms, they should immediately self-isolate.

At the moment face coverings in the college are still optional and students must bring one with them every day, stored in a plastic zip lock type bag. We are continually monitoring the situation in respect of the wearing of face coverings and we will update parents if the advice changes. Students will also need to continue to bring hand sanitiser and use it at the beginning of each lesson and when directed by a member of staff.

I am worried about the number of students who gather outside the college on Timberdine Avenue before 8.30a.m. I appreciate that parents have work commitments, but it is not possible for us to ensure the non mixing of bubbles if students are arriving at the college before 8.30a.m. Students can only enter the college site from 8.30a.m. and should not congregate outside the college gate before that time. Please remind your child that they need to arrive at college between 8.30a.m. and 8.45a.m.

Please be assured that the college risk assessment is reviewed on a regular basis and can be found in the "About Us" section of the college website.

Can I take this opportunity to wish you a restful half-term and I hope you get the opportunity to spend some quality time with your family.

Yours sincerely,

Greg McClarey

Headteacher

21st October 2020

Dear Parent/carer

Summer 2021 Examination Series

I am writing to make you aware of the latest important information from the Examination boards, affecting all students taking examinations next summer.

A provisional common exam timetable has now been agreed by the awarding bodies. The GCSE summer 2021 exam series is due to commence on Monday 24th May until Friday 2nd July 2021. GCSE results will be released to candidates on Friday 27th August 2021.

The final timetable will be circulated as soon as all the exam dates have been published and confirmed. Candidates will receive a personalised exam timetable in spring after our entries have been submitted to the exam boards.

Parents of students in Year 10 should note that the English Literature exams are provisionally timetabled for Monday 7th June and Monday 21st June 2021

The college has no influence with regards to the exam dates set; these are agreed by the awarding bodies. Please be aware that there are no allowances for absence related to holidays taken on these dates.

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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