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Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you all for your continued support this term. I know you have all received your update letters from the senior leader responsible for your child's year group, however, as we come to the final weeks of 2021, I wanted to give you a brief overview of the end of term as well as events and arrangements for early 2022.

End of Term

We are having a memorable and festive final week, with RAG activities, Year 9 markets, Carols, House charity events, a disco, film afternoon, professional and staff pantomimes. Thank you to all the students and staff who have given considerable time and money to support the many worthwhile causes students have chosen.

Term 3 return

All staff and students return to the academy on Tuesday 4th January. As with previous returns after a holiday, we are expected to offer students that have consent two lateral flow tests upon return. Ideally, we would try to run the first test before returning to the site, then allow the required 3 – 4 days before the second test. However, due to it being New Year's Eve on Friday 31st and a bank holiday on Monday 3rd January there is not an opportunity to offer this before we start. Therefore, it is imperative that students test before returning for the first day, to ensure the safety of all the students and staff on site. We will then operate a test site once we return. We have all the consent forms from the previous tests we have carried out, so there is no need to complete one again unless you have changed your mind and wish to now give consent, or you are unsure if you consented previously. Please do this by using this link by the 16th December. <https://www.chathamgrammar.org.uk/covid19-information>

Helen Sharman visit

We feel very excited and privileged that Helen has agreed to visit the academy in the middle of January, COVID permitting. As well as visiting lessons Helen will be talking to the Sharman House students, one of our four houses that students named after her.

If there are any changes to COVID guidance before we return, I will write again to update you. Please remember the academy closes at 12 noon this Friday. In the meantime, all the staff at Chatham Grammar wish you all a happy and healthy winter break.

Yours sincerely,



Wendy Walters
Principal