

Dear Parents/Carers,

I will start with some operational information to ensure everyone is clear on plans for the end of this term.

As is normal at the end of term, students will have a half day on Friday 18th December. In keeping with the safe departure of year group will leave at the following times:

- Year 9- 12 noon
- Year 10- 12:10pm
- Year 11 and Sixth Form- 12:25pm

Notifying school of positive cases over Christmas

The Government and Public Health have asked schools to be available for close contact tracing until Wednesday 23rd December. After this date it is unlikely that students who test positive were in school 48 hours prior to the onset of symptoms.

Only if your child tests positive and symptoms started before the evening of Sunday 20th December do you need to contact us. If this is the case please follow the instructions in the link below:

<https://www.gosforthacademy.org.uk/filecache/fe2/139/3054-what-to-do-poster-covid-1.pdf>

Finally, this term has been the most challenging we have ever encountered but we've still managed to find a way through without the shutting down of full year groups due to an outbreak or staff absence. Staff and students alike have shown a real strength of character and this is testament to what a fantastic school we are part of. I have real hope that 2021 will enable us to regain the normality we are all craving. They say 'pressure makes diamonds' and we've created a lot of diamonds this term.

Have a fabulous Christmas and all the very best for the New Year.

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