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Dear Parents/Carers

The Return to School

We have reached the end of the first half-term and it has been terrific to see school life return in such a vibrant way. After the challenges and restrictions schools have faced for the last 18 months it has been a joy to see students having such a range of experiences and opportunities at the school. This term has seen students off to Yorkshire for a residential visit, the return of competitive inter-school sport fixtures, a theatre company in school performing for our students, a science exhibition from the Royal Institution and all our practical subjects return to a full curriculum offer. BCA has really come back to life!

Covid 19 Testing

Although school has operated pretty much normally it is clear from the national picture that disruption due to Covid 19 remains a possibility. With this in mind we have continued to provide all students with home testing kits. To reduce the risk of any disruption at the start of the next half term students should take a lateral flow test on the evening of Sunday 7 November or the morning of Monday 8 November. Students will be reissued with test kits when they return after the half term break.

Half-term Classes

This half-term we have been hugely impressed by the attitude of our Year 11 students as they prepare for the 2022 GCSE exams. Despite the disruption they have faced they are working very hard to make sure they are ready for their GCSE this summer. To continue to support them we have a number of extra classes running over half term. Vice Principal, Mrs Mullen, has written to parents and carers outlining the classes students should attend.

Mobile Phones and Uniform

Parents and carers will be aware that this year we have implemented much greater restrictions on the use of mobile phones during school hours. From September we ruled that mobile phones must be switched off and in bags for the full duration of the school day, including breaks and lunchtimes. I'm pleased to say that students have responded to this new rule and changed their mobile phone habits very quickly. One very positive consequence of this is seeing young people having lunch talking and enjoying each other's company instead scrolling through screens. I'd like to thank parents and carers for reinforcing this rule for us.



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As we head into winter please remind your child that they should wear a suitably warm coat to school. **Hooded tops or tracksuit tops are not permitted to be worn on the school site, indoors or outdoors.** Students are allowed to wear a suitably warm coat on top of their blazers should they wish to when they go outside at break times or lunchtimes. **Please remind you child that non-uniform items will be confiscated.**

Job Opportunity

We are currently recruiting for a Site Maintenance Co-ordinator. This a great opportunity for someone from the local community to join our school support team. Please follow the link to see the job description and application process: http://bca.warrington.ac.uk/?page_id=215

...and finally...

Finally, this week we said goodbye to our School Operations and Business Manager, Lisa Gannon. Lisa has worked at BCA for over 22 years leading our support staff. Over the course of the last two decades she has become a hugely valued member of staff who will be missed by us all. Luckily, Lisa isn't going too far as she will be joining the central operations team at our multi-academy trust (TCAT) and will continue to support BCA as well as the other schools within the Trust. I'm sure you like to join me in thanking Lisa and wishing her the best of luck in her new role.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully



Mr G Harris
Principal



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