



Dear Parents/Carers of students in Year 9,

For your information, a student in year 9 has tested positive for COVID.

We have been advised this weekend by the parent that the student was tested on Friday and they received their result on Saturday morning.

Following guidance from Public Health England (PHE):

- as the student was in school on Wednesday 9th, Thursday 10th and Friday 11th December, we have been advised to close the Year 9- year group bubble with immediate effect so that students of 'close contact' self-isolate for 10 days (up to and including 22nd December).

As the return date for Year 9 students would be Wednesday 23rd December, and this date falls within the Christmas break, we look forward to welcoming Year 9 back on **Tuesday 5th January 2021**. Students not in year 9 and not currently isolating should attend school as normal.

Please can I remind everyone that if you or your child shows any of the symptoms of COVID, you must keep them off school until the results of any test are known.

- **New and continuous cough** - coughing a lot for more than an hour, or having three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- **Fever** - a temperature above 37.8C
- **Change in smell or taste** - either you cannot taste or smell anything, or these senses are different to normal.

Students should continue to follow their timetable until Thursday 17th December (end of lesson 3) and lessons will be via TEAMS.

Liam Collins
Principal