



Campion School

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For the attention of the Parents and Carers

Dear Parents and Carers



Christmas 2020

As a very difficult year draws to a close, I should like to thank all parents and carers, staff and pupils, wholeheartedly, for their unstinting support and positive attitude as we have united to cope with the effects of the pandemic. Pupils and staff have adapted to new health and safety rules, alongside absorbing the challenges of working to a completely new daily regime. Fantastic progress has been made in the use of digital technology, via Teams and Frog, enabling student learning to continue, which, I know from my own experience, has often tested parents at home.

I am very proud to say that we have had minimal cases in school, compared to other schools nationally, and Public Health England has been very pleased with our handling of the pandemic. However, we are not free from the virus yet – January 2021 beckons and we must remain alert and vigilant for the foreseeable future, but it is most reassuring to know that we can rely on your support to ensure our pupils continue to receive the best education possible.

It is proving to be a very quiet and subdued build-up to Christmas this year. I will really miss walking the pupils to St Mary's Church, for the annual carol service; there are no Christmas fund-raising events and there is even a dearth of home-made mince pies and chocolate around the school as we all try to keep safe and stop the spread of the virus. There are, however, a few notices for you:

IMPORTANT - Change to Last Day of Term

Could you please note that Friday, 18 December will be a day for pupils and staff to work from home, which means that school will close on Thursday, 17 December 2020. Pupils will be dismissed, at staggered intervals, from 2.00pm on Thursday, 17 December and they should not return until Monday, 4 January 2021. Lunch will be served as normal on Thursday.

Work will be set for the pupils to complete on Friday, 18 December, which should be uploaded onto Frog and will be recorded by the teaching staff.

Reporting Positive Cases of Covid-19 During Christmas Holiday

The school is required to record positive cases of Covid-19 up to, and including 23 December, to allow any contacts to be traced. Please note:

- If your child tests positive for Covid-19 at any time before 2.30pm on Saturday, 19 December (that is within 48 hours of your child last being in school) you should **email the school immediately** at head@campion.warwickshire.sch.uk to allow contacts to be traced
- If your child tests positive for Covid-19 after 2.30pm on Saturday, 19 December, you should email the result to the school at head@campion.warwickshire.sch.uk so that it can be recorded.

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Exams

From January, we are continuing with both our mock and external exam schedules, but to keep everyone as safe as possible, we are organising the equipment required by pupils for exams in a different way. It is very important that parents help their children to adhere to these requirements – please see the information sheet attached. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Exams Officer, Mrs Heath, or your child's House Learning Leader.

E-Scooters

As Christmas approaches, I am aware that some families might be considering buying an e-scooter for their child/ren. However, I should like to remind parents that e-scooters are banned from the school site and prohibited, by law, from being ridden on public roads, cycle lanes and pavements.

Term Dates

Please find attached the Term Dates for Spring and Summer 2021.

I know that despite social distancing and not having met many of you at parents' evenings, or around the school this year, that there is still a real sense of warmth and community coming through. As we move into 2021 with the prospect of quelling the virus, I look forward to brighter times and to welcoming you onto the school site again when we have advice that it is safe to do so. We even have the brand-new maths and science block, completed during the lockdown, waiting for its launch.

I wish you all a safe and happy Christmas.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J Panesar". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J' and a period at the end.

JASSA PANESAR
Headteacher



Mandatory Equipment Required for Exams at Campion School

- **Pencil Case** - all students, in Years 9 to 13, should have their own **exam pencil case** kept specifically for use in exams - the case should be clear plastic with a zip.
- Students who are unable to supply their own pencil case will be supplied with one and should see the Exams Officer.
- The student's name, written on a label in **BLOCK CAPITALS**, should be stuck onto the pencil case - there must be **NO** graffiti, writing, stickers etc. anywhere else on the case, inside or out.
- **Equipment for Pencil Case** - all students, need to ensure their pencil case is filled, **ONLY**, with the equipment listed below - parents should remind their child to have their pencil case with them for every exam, mock and real (equipment to be supplied by parents, but invigilators will have spares for emergency use only):

Pencil

Pencil sharpener

Eraser

Ruler

TWO, BLACK INK pens

Compass with half-size pencil

TWO fluorescent pens

Half-moon protractor

- The school will supply calculators, if required, for a specific exam.

Thank you for your support.

Campion School Exams Officer



CAMPION SCHOOL 2020-21

PUPIL DATES – Y7 to Y13

SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS

<u>Spring Term 2021 – Monday, 4 January – Thursday, 1 April</u>			
Pupils Return	Monday, 4 January		
Teacher Training Day – pupils off school	Friday, 12 February		
Half Term Holiday	Monday, 15 February	-	Friday, 19 February
School Re-opens	Monday, 22 February		
Easter Finish	Wednesday, 31 March		
Teacher Training Day – pupils off school	Thursday, 1 April		
<u>Summer Term 2021 – Monday, 19 April – Friday, 21 July</u>			
Pupils Return	Monday, 19 April		
May Bank Holiday	Monday, 3 May		
Half Term Holiday	Monday, 31 May	-	Friday, 4 June
School Re-opens	Monday, 7 June		
Summer Finish	Wednesday, 21 July		

All dates are inclusive