

18th December 2020

Dear Students, Parents and Guardians,

As we come to the end of this term, I wanted to take the opportunity to share a few reminders of the arrangements for the return following the Christmas break and share some good news stories with you. I apologise for the late arrival of this information but I have been anticipating further information and guidance from the DfE who are becoming notoriously late with sharing vital information to schools and colleges.

Earlier this week, we were informed that schools and colleges would need to conduct Covid-19 testing from 4th January and initial guidance was circulated. However, this is now due to be updated, so I am unable to share more detail at this time. Please be rest assured that I am working over the Christmas break to clarify the expectations of the college and to ensure that the logistics of this mass testing are fully considered and communicated with the entire CWC community before we commence. Once I have further detail, I will be in contact.

COVID-19 over the Christmas period

The Department for Education has asked that we share the following information with our staff, young people and their families regarding what to do if you/ your child develops COVID-19 symptoms and tests positive during the holidays:

- Where a student or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in college, the college should not be contacted. Individuals/ parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.
- For the first six days after teaching ends (18/12/2020 and up until Christmas Eve), if a student or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in college, the college has been asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in college. If you/your child happens to be a close contact of a positive case identified once school has broken up we will contact you, so please do check your emails in the first week of the holidays.

Should you need to report a confirmed positive test for yourself/ your child following the guidelines above, please email me directly Cassandra.pollitt@cambiangroup.com

Students and Staff returning to CWC following Christmas break and 'Bubble Week'

Many of our students will be returning to family homes over the Christmas break and, as we did following the October half term holiday, we need to ensure that their return will be safe for them and the rest of the CWC community. You are already aware that we will be instating 'Bubble week' protocols following every college holiday which entails education staff being allocated to the residential houses for the week commencing 04/01/2021 to enable all residential students to 'bubble' in their house bases whilst we await results of staff and student's Covid tests and enable education to continue. Day students will attend the main college building accompanied by their own team of education staff. As before, all students and staff will need to complete a **Returning Staff/ Student risk assessment** before returning to education and these will be sent to you during the Christmas break via your residential house or Liam Gaster for our day students.

Please email the completed risk assessment to Liam.Gaster@cambianguroup.com by Monday 4th January 2021 and also to the relevant Registered Manager for all residential students.

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If you have any questions regarding arrangements for the January return, please don't hesitate to email me.

Non-Covid related news! - Charitable Donations

In November the college enjoyed lots of fun and high jinx to raise funds for Children in Need. We all enjoyed the virtual 'Duck Race', a very large cake sale and other fun activities. In total we raised £52.00

Last week, the college community took part in Christmas Jumper day to raise funds for Save the Children collecting a total of £56.00

Since September, the student council have been collecting donations of food and essential toiletries for Christchurch Soup Kitchen, a local charity that provides hot meals, clothing, etc for homeless and low income adults and families in Christchurch and surrounding areas. The students have taken this initiative very seriously and, as you can see in the pictures below, amassed a very generous amount of items. On Thursday 17th December, three of our students joined me in taking the donations down to the Soup Kitchen and served goods and drinks to the service users there. It was a humbling experience and as they told me, "puts the whole world into perspective". The student council are intending to continue to collect donations throughout this year and are keen to make volunteering a regular part of their week.



Alongside this, the staff team have been collecting essential and luxury items to create three hampers for families in need over the Christmas period on behalf of Bournemouth Foodbank. The content of each hamper has been well thought through to ensure that a family of four have treats and essentials to enable them to have everything they will need to enjoy a Xmas day and Boxing Day breakfast, lunch and dinner. They contain everything from breakfast cereal and toothpaste to Christmas pudding and yule logs. The student council have joined me today to donate the hampers to the Foodbank and they were very gratefully received.



To Cambian Wing College, 18.12.20.
Thankyou so much for your
very kind Christmas hampers
so thoughtfully organised
They will be very well received
Amazing!! The foodbank team.

During these very difficult times, it makes me very proud that the students and staff here at CWC were so readily generous with their donations and keen to ensure that those in need in our community are provided for in a small way.

On behalf of all Wing college Staff, we hope that you and your family stay safe and healthy and enjoy a wonderful Christmas and New Year

Kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,



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