

I hope everyone in our community has had a safe and relaxing half term. We send our thoughts to anyone who is unwell at this time. Please do get in touch if we could support you in any way.

### **Updates to the School Day**

From this half term students in year 10 and 11 will be expected to be in their form rooms at 8.30am, students in years 7, 8 and 9 should be lined up in their respective areas for 8.40am.

In relation to the new measures that will come into force from Thursday we will no longer be able to allow year 11 students off site at lunchtime. It is therefore important that from Thursday students in year 11 either bring their own lunch or ensure they have sufficient funds in their ParentPay account to purchase from the school canteen.

### **Face Coverings**

We understand that some families may be very concerned with the increased transmission rate across the country. We have appreciated the way our students have taken on their responsibility to wear a face covering and sanitise/wash their hands regularly in school. Thank you to all parents who have supported by ensuring their children have face coverings with them each day. There is a voluntary contribution on ParentPay if parents feel they could support us with the ongoing costs of PPE to ensure that students who forget their face coverings can be provided with one. Thank you in advance to anyone who is able to contribute.

### **Free School Meals and Family Support**

We have supported the provision of vouchers through the local authority scheme and our PE department have also begin to set up a food donation scheme to enable us to continue to support our families at times of hardship. Many of our families have found themselves in a very different financial position since the lockdown started and with another period of lockdown on the way, we feel it is only right that our community pull together in the same way as we did before to support each other. Students are working together to put together food packs for families in need. There will be more information about this in the coming days, please check our website and Twitter for details.

If you can help by donating food or require help yourself please get in touch with Ms Wilson [l.wilson@chaseterraceacademy.co.uk](mailto:l.wilson@chaseterraceacademy.co.uk) . All donations will be very much appreciated.

We are currently waiting on further government guidance about other restrictions which may follow as a result of the national lockdown that is due to start this Thursday and we will update you as soon as we have more information.

Thank you as always, for your continued support through these difficult times.

Ms Mason

Head of School