



Dear Parent/Carer

Coronavirus Update 31

Welcome to another update at the end of another busy week. At the time of writing, only one member of our onsite community has tested positive in the last week (a post-16 student). A number of St Margaret's parents have tested positive, though, and I'd want to send my thoughts and best wishes to each one (and also to anyone else who is not fully fit at the moment). You're in our thoughts and prayers.

In non-covid news this week...

2020/2021 Dates

So far, we have not published dates for exams, reports and Parents' Evenings *etc* for this year – partly because of the ongoing uncertainty about how such events might work, and partly because of the rumours (now confirmed) that external exams might be put back a few weeks (which has knock-on effects for other assessments). However now there is greater clarity about a number of issues, we're able to advise that exams, reports and Parents' Evenings will be timed as follows:

	Exams	Reports		Parents' Evening	Other events
		Short	Full		
Year 7	June 2021	November 2020 April 2021	June 2021	During the week beginning 07.12.20	
Year 8	June 2021	November 2020 February 2021	June 2021	During the week beginning 01.02.21	Options Evening: January 2021
Year 9	December 2020	November 2020 January 2021	May 2021	During the week beginning 18.01.21	Options Evening: January 2021
Year 10	June 2021	January 2021 April 2021	June 2021	During the week beginning 26.04.21	
Year 11	November 2020 March 2021 June/July 2021	November 2020 March 2021		During the weeks beginning 23.11.20 and 12.04.21	Post-16 Open Evening: February 2021
Year 12	June 2021	November 2020 February 2021 April 2021	June 2021	During the week beginning 05.07.21	
Year 13	January 2021 June/July 2021	November 2020 February 2021 April 2021		During the week beginning 22.02.21	

Precise dates will be confirmed following consultation with staff over the next few weeks. We anticipate Parents' Evenings will be held virtually, and are currently exploring a couple of specialist software packages that would enable us to do this.

Free School Meals over half-term

We have today been advised that Liverpool City Council will be providing a £10 meal voucher for all families entitled to Free School Meals (in order to cover the cost of such meals over half-term). St Margaret's families entitled to Free School Meals should be receiving an e-mail to confirm their entitlement; this e-mail then needs to be taken to a local Children's Centre.

- For a list of local Children's Centres, please visit this website: <https://liverpool.gov.uk/children-and-families/early-years-and-childcare/childrens-centres/>
- If you are entitled to Free School Meals and haven't got an e-mail by the close of play on Monday 26th October, please e-mail scbrierley@stmargaretsacademy.com and I will get back to you on Tuesday!


Parents' Prayer Group

A quick reminder that if you'd like to join our new prayer group (organised by one of our Year 7 parents), please e-mail me at scbrierley@stmargaretsacademy.com and I'll pass on your details to the group organiser.

And finally...

I can honestly say that in 17 years of Headship, this half-term has been unlike any other! I'm deeply grateful for the support of 'Team SMA' – so many of my colleagues have given above and beyond the call of duty to ensure that we've been able to stay safe, and stay open, for most of our students this half-term. They, and I, are looking forward to a break next week, and I trust you and your family will be able to enjoy some time together too.

Yours faithfully



Stephen Brierley
Principal.