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## Dear Parent / Carer,

As we come to the end of what has been an exceptionally busy yet rewarding term, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support. The Autumn Term is always a long one, and this is without the added complications and pressures of the ongoing pandemic.

The end of term is always a time for reflection, and I remain incredibly proud of everyone connected with the College - it has been a huge collective effort to make sure our students continue to experience the full richness of school life despite the ongoing impact of Covid. We continue to learn a lot along the way, and your feedback has been crucial in helping us aspire to be the best versions of ourselves as reflected in the College's core values of aspiration, responsibility, respect and care.

## **End of Term Arrangements:**

**Students will be dismissed from school at 12.30pm on Friday 17th December** after receiving their afternoon registration mark. Students who are entitled to a free school meal will be able to receive this during their morning break.

## **Arrangements for January 2022**

I am sure you will be aware that testing using lateral flow tests for those without coronavirus symptoms forms part of the Government's plans for the re-opening of schools after the Christmas break. To support the testing of students (providing we have consent), we will stagger the return to school in January as below:

Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	Training Day – school closed to students
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Y11/12/13 in school - 8.40am
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Y7/10 in school - 8.40am
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	Y8/9 in school – 8.40am
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	All year groups in school - 8.40am













**Once a year group returns to school they will stay in school.** For those year groups not in school, work will be set on Microsoft Teams. However, to support the mass testing roll out and ensure we can get all students back into school as quickly as possible, there will be **no live lessons**. Mr Wade will write again next week to confirm the Covid testing arrangements, along with further details about the home learning provision that will be in place for students from Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January.

Finally, Kingsthorpe College, its Governors, and ORBIS would like to take this opportunity to thank you once again for your considerable support throughout this term and over the past year. We are looking forward to further inevitable challenges in 2022 but we know that we will approach these with our usual optimism and determination, ready for another term of dreaming big, working hard, and staying humble.

With my very best wishes

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Jennie Giovanelli Headteacher