



15 October 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: General update**

Further to my letter of 27 September 2021 I am writing to let you know that the successful start to term has been maintained for this first half-term.

I am particularly proud of our Year 11 pupils who have, today, completed two full weeks of Progress Exams under full examination conditions; bearing in mind our Year 11 pupils have not before sat any examinations under such conditions, they have responded to the pressure of examinations, remarkably well. It cannot be underestimated that sitting any examination creates a degree of stress, anxiety, and nervousness for everyone so although they will be relieved that it is their last Progress Exam today, they should feel proud of the way they have conducted themselves and what they have achieved.

Our Year 8 pupils were given the experience of a Geography field trip, but unfortunately very poor weather prevented the second day from going ahead – this is to be rearranged so pupils can experience the challenge of study and recording data whilst “in the field”.

Many of our usual extra-curricular activities have re-started with increased numbers of participants in football training, rugby, badminton, fitness, and netball plus a range of Performing Arts including music, dance and drama hopefully leading to competitions and showcase events.

**NHS Vaccination programme**

Again, further to my letter of 27 September 2021, the NHS will begin their vaccination programme for our pupils next week, we had 461 consents for children who are aged 12 to 15 years. The NHS vaccine coordinator for our school has said they may only be able to complete 180 vaccines each day which means they may not be able to vaccinate all 461 pupils, but they have stated they will arrange a follow-up for a later date – which we are not aware of at this stage.

**Assemblies**

Due to the potential for the spread of COVID-19 at the start of term, we suspended school assemblies for large gatherings in the main hall, although we have had assemblies online. Due to the low rate of infection we have so far experienced, and given the vaccination roll out, we are considering reinstating assemblies as a large gathering in the main hall, by year group, after the October half-term break.

**Open Evening**

Our Open Evening on 23 September 2021 was a very packed evening with more attendees than we have ever experienced before – we understand that some parents/carers were of children already in Year 7 who did not have the chance to attend in person last year. We hope everyone who attended enjoyed their experience and were able to get all the information they need about making the decision to choose Titus Salt School.

As always, I wish to end by thanking you for your continued support and to say that I am proud of our children and all that they get involved in, give their support for, and achieve.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher