



11 June 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

We said an emotional goodbye to our wonderful year 13s yesterday. Our old Head Student, Betsy Maguire, decorated the Newman Room and organised a lovely final gathering. We all recognise the disrupted Sixth Form experience that this year 13 have experienced, it is a great credit to them, Ms McClean and Ms Mohammed (Head of Year 13 and Assistant Head of Sixth Form) that they have achieved so much and are ready for the next stages in their life. It is a real privilege as educationalists to be involved in the post-16 sector, seeing the students develop into independent young adults going confidently out into the world. We ask them all to join our [alumni society](#), keep in touch and come back for visits.

I am sorry for the mixed messages we relayed from Bristol City Council this week. We return to our previous position of asking students to stay at home if they (or anyone in their family or close contacts) has one of the three main COVID symptoms (temperature, new continuous cough or loss of sense of taste or smell). Book a PCR test and inform school immediately. We are very lucky at CGS to have committed and conscientious parents and carers many of whom were inconvenienced by the brief change in Bristol Public Health approach. I would still ask everyone to remain extremely vigilant as the Delta variant is present in Bristol schools.

I would encourage everyone to look at this [informational video](#) from the World Health Organisation that explains in more detail the differences in symptoms in children to adults. It also provides further insights into the actions of our Council in seeking to ensure that we control the spread of the virus in our communities.

National Air Pollution and Schools Survey

Please click on the following link to take part in a national survey about pollution and schools. The data collected from this survey will inform the development of strategies to reduce child exposure to harmful air pollution.

https://uwe.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9ZD2i6fxjKPNCFD

Information for schools and colleges on international travel and children travelling abroad

The government announced that from Monday 17 May, international travel can gradually resume as destinations are added to England's 'green list'. The DfE have asked us to remind our parents and carers that people should not travel to 'amber' and 'red' countries, and that strict rules on testing and quarantine remain in place to protect public health and the vaccination programme. Further information can be found in the [guidance on red, amber and green list rules for entering England](#).

Lunches

A range of hot and cold food is available for pre-ordering from our kitchen. Please click [HERE](#) to make your choices for next week. Please pre-select orders by 11pm on Sunday 13 June 2021 and ensure there is enough money to cover money owed (please note: only students who eligible for free school meals are not expected to pay for their lunches – all other student accounts will be charged). Many thanks for your continued support.

Have a lovely sunny weekend,

Best wishes

Mrs Kerry McCullagh
Principal