



Dear Parents/Carers,

In line with the national and local picture we have experienced a number of positive cases this week across all year groups but especially in years 7 and 10. It is frustrating and saddening that students have had to self-isolate; meaning we are unable to finishing the year all together in school. However, further positive cases among the self-isolating students has prevented further transmission - reducing the impact on our community and showing the necessity of the self-isolations. I have made every decision in consultation with Public Health England to ensure that we are following the guidance and staying safe without asking students to self-isolate unnecessarily.

There has been a great deal of speculation in Parliament and the media over the last week about possible changes to the system of controls in schools, including the use of bubbles and the need for close contacts of positive cases to self-isolate. We understand that the DfE plans to publish updated operational guidance "before the end of term", which will provide more information. There is a trial currently underway in schools of daily contact testing (DCT). This involves pupils and staff identified as close contacts of positive cases to continue to attend school or college, as long as they test negative on an LFD every morning. Two hundred schools are currently taking part in this trial, which ends this week. This appears to have significant potential to reduce disruption in education. Our understanding is that the results from the trial will be analysed over the coming weeks, with an interim report expected to be produced before the end of July. This information will, we understand, be used to determine whether this approach could be implemented across all schools and colleges next year.

I will write and update you when new guidance is issued and once we are able to explain what impact this will have on us in September.

Activities days

The activities days continue next week on Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th July. We will be adapting our planning for those students currently isolating to ensure they can take part remotely wherever possible or are given alternative activities and ways of taking part in our end of term celebrations. Year 10's Monday PSHE day will be delivered via Live Remote Learning on Teams all students to stay at home.

	Monday 5th July	Tuesday 6th July
Year 7	Half day Science and half day Art activities	Rounders tournament
Year 8	Rounders tournament	Half day Science and half day Art activities
Year 9	Performance in a day	Performance in a day
Year 10	PSHE Day – Live Remote Learning	Lost and found activity and trip to Airhop
Year 12	PSHE day/Employability day (please note Y12 students should be in school for full day 8.35am - 2.45pm)	UCAS prep day personal statements, work experience alternatives (please note Y12 students should be in school for full day 8.35am - 2.45pm and that students will be provided with data to support them in their destination planning including predicted grades for university applications and estimated final grades)

End of term arrangements - Wednesday 7th July

Students will be in their tutor groups for the final day of term enjoying a range of fun/celebration activities and the day will end at 12pm for all students (11.55 for years 7 and 8). They may wear non-uniform and are asked to make a voluntary donation on entry to school/V6 Sixth Form site for a collection in aid of the charity Save the Children.

Second-hand school uniform

Our wonderful PTA are kindly overseeing the sale of second hand non-branded uniform (kilts, skirts, shirts, blouses and PE bottoms). If you have any items to donate for onward sale, please kindly bring them to the main school reception. These items will be available to purchase via the PTA Facebook page over the summer holidays.

PTA Cookbook

We are delighted to announce that we are now inviting recipe submissions to our PTA cookbook. This will be a celebration of the diversity of our community, leading to the printing and sale of a unique Montpelier High School cookbook next term.

We are inviting our whole community: parents, guardians, students and staff to take part, by submitting their "special" recipe via this quick form: <https://bit.ly/MHS-cookbook>

We will be selling our cookbook to help us continue to support the school. The PTA has in the last two years provided vital funds for the STEAM curriculum, furniture for the library and equipment for the Duke of Edinburgh award as well as other areas of financial support.

We are very much looking forward to receiving your family's recipes. We will be in touch again when the book is in print.

Enrichment 2021 -22

We are making plans for September and although we have not had updated guidance from the government about what changes we can make we would like to start our planning to ensure we are ready for this if we are allowed to move out of year group bubbles. Further communication will be sent about enrichment when we are made aware if this is possible to run. Our enrichment programme runs on Wednesday 2.45 – 3.45pm. All students take an enrichment every term as part of our curriculum offer. Please find attached our enrichment offer to students for next academic year.

Students will have an email for each term. Term 1 - Sept- Dec, Term 2 - Jan - March and Term 3 April - July. Please look through the booklet carefully to select your three enrichment options. If the enrichment becomes full in one of the terms we would encourage students to check to see if they can select it for a different term as many are running across all three. You should NOT select the same enrichment for more than one term as this will be the same content.

We encourage students to select a range of enrichments to fulfil their wider character development towards becoming a compelling individual. All our enrichments will have an outcome that students are working towards for the 12 weeks. The exceptions to this are if students are selecting HPQ,(terms 1 2, and 3 should be selected) Further Maths(terms 1,2 and 3 should be selected, and the school play (terms 1 and 2 should be selected). We would activity encourage current year 9 to carefully think about the HPQ if they were interested in this from the options presentation as an additional qualification.

Students will need to click on the link in the email to select the enrichment choice they would like to do for that term. They will need to do this for each of the terms. Three enrichments (one for each term) should be selected. Year 7 will not have an enrichment choice for term 1 as they all attend our year 7 choir for a term. Year 11 will not have an enrichment choice for term 3 as this will be focused upon examination revision.

If the enrichment club becomes full in all of the terms and students can not select one of the enrichment offers they would like there is a waiting list option. We are currently trialling this system and will be able to let students know if a place becomes available. We would encourage students to have a look at the options in the booklet and select several choices when considering what they would like to do.

The booklet has gone out in advance to discuss with parents/carers. Emails with links for students will be sent on Friday. **Please submit choices by Tuesday 6th July.** We will follow this up on Wednesday tutor time with students to encourage them to submit a choice for our planning over the holidays.

If there are any questions about the enrichments, please contact the member of staff running this outlined in the booklet. If there any questions about submitting process, please contact Ms Howells helen.howells@colstonsgirls.org

Exercise Books

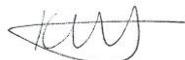
In order to be eco friendly and reduce waste please can you ensure that your child keeps hold of their exercise books as their teachers will continue to use these same books into the next academic year. When your child has filled their exercise book they will be provided with a new one.

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 4th July 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 weekend,

Best wishes



Mrs Kerry McCullagh
Principal