



21st October 2021

Dear parents and carers,

I hope this letter finds you safe and well. I am writing as the end of the half term approaches to give you some updates and share some of the wonderful things that have happened this half term.

Covid 19

You will have heard on the news last week that Trafford had the highest C19 rates in the country. This was true in the 12-18 age group but also rates were rising in the 30-40s and the over 60s- parents and grandparents. We have seen an increase in rates in school. We will be sending LFT tests home today. Please continue asking your child to test over the holidays and most importantly on the Sunday before returning to school on Monday 1st November. We are having a further round of immunisation in school today and thanks to everyone who has given consent. You are also able to book your child in for a jab via your home medical centres if they have not had one at school.

Face coverings- Trafford has now stated that all students should wear a face covering when travelling to and from school on public transport and around school. Send your child to school with a face covering please. I want to keep as many students in school with their friends and learning as possible.

Bonfire Night November 5th

Each year as we draw closer to Bonfire night we send a message home to families to share with students re fireworks. Fireworks are banned in school for the simple reason that they are dangerous. Students will face the strongest consequences including the possibility of permanent exclusion if they have them. Please speak to your child about keeping safe and the dangers of fireworks.

Year 7

Well, they've done it! They have completed their first full half term at secondary! Can I just say a huge well done- via parents and carers- to our wonderful new Year 7. They have settled in so brilliantly and done so well! This is especially remarkable given that they have had the opportunity for so little proper transition to secondary. We are so proud of them. When we come back after half term, Year 7 will be going on a residential to Petty Pool. We will be finalising dates with parents today. I know they are really looking forward to it!

Black History Month

We have been celebrating Black History Month in school. Mrs Laryea, Head of Humanities, led a week of fantastic assemblies. The theme this year is 'proud to be...' We were incredibly touched by some of the beautiful sentiments shared by our young people in assembly of their pride in their families, their background and their heritage. Students (and staff) have been asked to write short postcards reflecting on what they are 'proud to be' to add to our 2021 Black History Month display. I will include some photos on our social media.

Scavenger Hunt – year 11 Senior Student Leadership team have prepared a fantastic trail and quiz to accompany displays around school of outstanding people from our different communities, ethnic and cultural heritages. Students can pick up a trail sheet from the pastoral office and take part- the prize is a £20 amazon voucher.

Three Dads Walking

If you haven't seen them, please look at the lovely photos from this amazing event at school on our social media. We were so pleased to play a small part in the dads' journey and remember Beth Palmer, our lovely former student.

Link to video:

<https://www.facebook.com/salehighschool/videos/1603966043279805/>

Link to photographs:

<https://www.facebook.com/salehighschool/posts/4725300804166929>

Super Learning Day

This is tomorrow 22nd October and students will be following a schedule of personal, social, health and careers lessons. We know it will be a great and enjoyable day.

Winter Exams

Year 11 will be sitting mock exams starting on November 12th. They have been given their exam timetables and revision lists. In addition, they have had a special session from Elevate – the study and memory experts- on revision and study skills. Can we please ask parents to support by looking over their revision timetables with them and ensuring they are studying each day leading up to the exams? Mr Williams has written home about this in more detail.

We know that formal, externally- assessed summer exams have been cancelled due to C19 for the last two summers. At this point, we fully expect exams to go ahead but students must be aware that we could be in a position of gathering evidence from what assessment we have carried out in school. Although the mocks themselves would never be the only source of evidence to base a final grade on, they have been an important element in previous years. In addition, any study and revision now is 'money in the bank' for students in consolidating their learning.

We wish Year 11 all the very best of luck and will be there supporting them every step of the way.

[Y11 Winter Exam Timetable 2021](#)

Yasal Memorial Day

As you will know, we tragically lost our Year 9 student Yasal last summer. His year, our current Year 10, will be working with us in running our special day of remembrance celebration and fun on November 5th- the first Friday back. We want to raise as much money as possible for Yasal's family's chosen charity- The Brain Trust. Year 10 will be running their Autumn Fair stalls- including old favourites like 'Beat the Goalie', cake stalls, face painting etc. Each KS3 year group will be able to 'visit the fair' for 1 period. We ask that, if possible, they bring a small amount of money, to visit the stalls. We will also be having a coffee and cakes van on site that Y11 will be able to visit.

This will be a non-uniform day for all and we ask students to bring a pound for this.

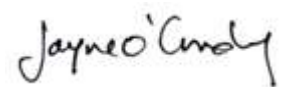
In the afternoon, we will be having a special assembly just for Y10 with songs, speeches and lots of memories. We really want this to be a fitting day of celebration both for Yasal and for those that he has left behind. And we hope that our fund raising for the Brain Charity will be in some part a fitting legacy for this wonderful young man.

Return to School

It has been a great half term- but we are all ready for a rest! We wish you a lovely, safe half term break and look forward to seeing the students at the normal time on November 1st. As the weather gets

colder, parents may want their children to have a Sale High pullover to wear as our normal uniform code applies.

Take care, very best wishes and huge thanks for all your ongoing support.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jayne O'Grady". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ms J O'Grady
Headteacher