

17 December 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

After what has been an unusual and challenging term, I thought I would write to you to highlight some of the fantastic things that have been going on at Montsaye Academy. I have been particularly proud of all of our children, they have settled well after an extended period of time out of education and are doing well in their lessons. We are also very proud of our staff body who have worked relentlessly hard to ensure that the quality of our provision remains high despite significant restrictions.

Year 11 and Year 13 will currently sit examinations this summer, and have been working hard in after school revision, and drop down days. We have fully implemented our catch up plan to ensure that gaps in learning during the first lock down are eradicated quickly. Tutors have already been supporting pupils after school and in January, we are employing academic mentors to support this further. As is traditional at Montsaye we have been gaining momentum for our food bank collection and charity fund raising event, this year.

Whilst we have had to send home a number of children to self-isolate we are very thankful that this has been a relatively small number and we are happy with the appropriate steps we have put in place to ensure that everyone is as safe as possible. I would implore everyone to continue to follow the government guidance whilst enjoying their Christmas break. With this in mind, **it is imperative that you inform the school if your child tests positive up to and including the 23rd December 2020** (please refer to the [letter](#) 10 December 2020 from Pathfinder Schools) and in case we need to identify and notify any close contacts.

To notify us, please email CovidReporting@montsaye.northants.sch.uk, we will also be using this email to inform close contacts. As per latest update on 11 December, the government amended the self isolation period from 14 days to 10. Please follow this [link](#) for more information.

I have fully appreciated the support we have had from parents during this term. It is vital for us to have that strong partnership to continue to build on the strengths. I thank you all and wish you a peaceful and enjoyable break and we look forward to welcoming your child/children back in on Monday 4th January 2021.

If you want a reminder about why Montsaye Academy is a wonderful place. Please watch the promotional video below.

Merry Christmas everyone.

<https://vimeo.com/488094601/4ceadeba15>

Yours faithfully



Mrs Gabbi
Principal