



10 December 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

As we near the end of term I have some important updates and information for you. It has been a long term but much has been achieved and we are delighted with our students, your children. I have been particularly impressed with their commitment to lessons and their positive attitudes. Thank you for your continued support.

Yesterday we held our first Parents Evening online using Edulink. I know that Y10 teachers were very pleased with the new system and had some excellent conversations with you. It is new to us all so, inevitably, there will be 'teething issues' but we will persevere and ensure it works effectively for everyone. It is very important that you as parents / carers have joined Edulink. This can be done easily by downloading the app and you can access Edulink using any device. If you have not received an email from school with your login details, please contact us as soon as possible (hello@gra.hlt.academy) so that you can activate your account.

As you may have heard in the media, in January we have been asked to test all students for Covid. We will be doing this in the first week of the new term during school time. We need your consent to test your child and we have a new form for you to complete. The form is available here: <https://forms.gle/T4ryzDtWXJXVQjkj9>. We need everyone to complete this form even if you have done it before.

Today, it is lovely to see so many students and staff wearing their Christmas jumpers and thank you for all donations which will be sent to Save the Children. Next Friday, the last day of term, we will be having a non-uniform day and any more donations will be added to today's collection. We are proud to be able to support charities at this time of the year. We also have our Christmas Craft Fair tomorrow in the school hall and our Christmas Quiz next Wednesday, both of which will support St Catherine's Hospice. We look forward to welcoming you to these events.

Next week there will be rewards assemblies for each year group. We will be celebrating achievements of the term and awarding certificates and prizes. This is a new initiative which we will repeat at the end of every term. It is important that we recognise the positives of the term and we will recognise both academic achievement and other contributions to school life. There is much to celebrate!

The term ends next Friday 17 December at the normal time. At the end of next week, you will receive our termly newsletter, *The Graham Gazette*, which will give you a great

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summary of the term and other important information. I hope you enjoy reading it and seeing all the wonderful activities that have taken place during this half term.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a restful and enjoyable holiday; I hope you can enjoy some quality time with family and friends. The new term starts for all students on Wednesday 5 January at the normal time. If you have any queries about anything at all please contact us at school.

Yours faithfully

Emma Robins
Principal