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BISHOPSHALT SCHOOL

"Above all else a place for learning"

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Ref: MCG/ber/Parent Comms

Dear Parents & Carers,

Last week was an exceptionally busy week at school, Year 11 and 13 commenced their two weeks of Trial GCSE and A Level exams, our new House Captains were presented with their leadership badges and we paused in silence for Remembrance Day; the Bishopshalt value of 'Chase Brilliance' was truly shown throughout.

Commencing with the **Year 10 Parents' Evenings on Thursday 26th November**, we will now be holding virtual parents evenings, which will allow you the opportunity to talk to and see your child's teachers. The software is provided by School Cloud and this will be our first event using the new initiative. Year 10 parents have been sent the information of how to register and login, and this will be sent to all parents in the near future; however, if you would like to preregister in preparation for the end of term Progress Meetings, you can find the full details on the following link:

<https://www.bishopshalt.hillingdon.sch.uk/page/?title=Parents%27+Evening+%2D+Appointment+Booking+Information&pid=941>

In advance of the meeting, I would like to thank you Year 10 parents for your support and if there are any issues please contact the school in advance of the evening.

During the week of 9th November, we were notified of one positive case of Covid-19 within the student body, we followed our in-house protocols for track and trace and immediately isolated those students identified as close contacts within school and notified those families concerned. We would like to reassure you that where it is necessary to send students home or when students have informed us of the necessity to self-isolate, Bishopshalt is providing a remote education that involves either the students attending live virtual lessons or each morning they are being set all the work by Google Classroom for the day which they are expected to complete.

We ask that our Year 11 families note that the **Sixth Form Virtual Open Event** will go live on our website this week, and we do hope it is not only informative but also gives you a greater insight into the life of the Sixth Form at Bishopshalt.

Please may I take this opportunity to remind you that students are required to wear a mask in school at all times when they are moving around or in the communal areas of the building. We have seen far too many students arriving for school without a mask and with effect we will be sanctioning students with an after school detention if they are not wearing a mask when they come onto the school site.

Finally, Bishopshalt also wishes the very best for all in our community who celebrated Diwali or Bandi Chhorh Divas over the weekend and we hope you had a great time.

I thank you again for your continued support and cooperation.

Yours sincerely

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