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Dear Families

We have had a wonderful festive week at Addeys: Christmas lunch was delicious, our celebration assemblies have been absolutely inspiring, and I am feeling very proud indeed of our whole school community after a very successful Autumn Term.

I would like to thank, our exceptional teaching and support staff who all go the extra mile for our pupils. Not a day goes by when I don't reflect on how lucky our students are to be surrounded and supported by such a forward looking, energetic, dedicated staff body.

On behalf of us all, I would like to thank you - our parents, carers and families. Thank you for your continued support, your patience, and your understanding during what continues to be a challenging time for everyone.

### **Beginning of Spring Term 2022**

As we end one term, I wanted to clarify arrangements for the beginning of the next. As you are aware, we are required to test all students before we return. Testing will take place on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January, and you will receive further information and appointment times via ParentMail. There will be no lessons for Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 on these days. Students will only come into school for their tests and they will return straight home.

All students will return to school on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at the usual time.

This applies to all year groups except year 11 who will be following a different programme from Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January.

Please refer to separate correspondence from Mr Murrells for specific arrangements for year 11.

### **Messages from Lewisham Public Health**

The Director of Education and Director of Public Health have written to all parents and carers with the latest COVID-19 guidelines and important information on keeping our schools and community safe. [Please read this important letter on our website here.](#)

Do stay safe over the holidays and do keep an eye on ParentMail for further testing information and any other messages before we return in January.

Finally, on behalf of all the staff, I wish you a peaceful Christmas break and a very Happy New Year.

Warmest wishes

Jan Shapiro  
Headteacher

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