

11 December 2020



Dear Parents and Carers

Extra INSET day confirmation Friday 18 December 2020 and Covid-19 advice

This term has been a truly special, and unique, experience for all involved. However, it does seem there is light at the end of the very long tunnel. Your children have been incredible in their approach to a series of challenges. To see them grow in confidence, positivity, work ethic and to be generally great young adults and for us to be lucky enough to spend time with, has been an amazing experience. For this every member of staff at GA would like to give you a big thanks for your support and patience.

As you are aware schools have been playing their part in the national track and trace programme. Particularly by identifying any close contacts of individuals within their school who have tested positive for Covid-19. As people can be infectious prior to showing symptoms, if indeed they do show symptoms, schools will need to continue carrying out this role during the first part of the holidays.

Notifying the school - Covid-19

It is very important that if your child were to receive a positive Covid-19 test during the school holidays, or any time, that we are notified as soon as possible. Please email GAattendance@gloucesteracademy.co.uk, stating your child's first and surname, year group, date they first showed (and what) symptoms, date of the test, the date of the test result and your contact details - if different to those held at school. You should also follow NHS and PHE guidance.

Friday 18 December 2020 - INSET DAY ALL STUDENTS

You may have seen in the news that the government suggested schools take an INSET day on Friday 18 December 2020 to alleviate some of the pressures, created by Covid 19, leading up to Christmas. After much consideration we have accepted that we will take that opportunity. By doing so it reflects the hard work of all involved; parents, staff and, top of that list the students themselves. Therefore, to confirm the school will be closed on this day. Students will break for Christmas at the normal time of 3.05.pm (4.05.pm for Year 11) on Thursday 17 December 2020.

Monday 4 January 2021 - INSET DAY FOR YEARS 7 TO 10, NOT YEAR 11

As per the school calendar, Monday the 4 January 2021 will also be an INSET day. Year 11 students, however, will still be expected in school. This is an opportunity for them to prepare for their forthcoming vocational external exams in January and February. Further details will be sent to year 11 students and their parents.

We have a full and focused week planned for all students next week, including the Christmas meal and tutor group rewards. Please support your child by ensuring full attendance. Once again, many thanks for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

Mr J Heap
Headteacher

Mr Jonathan Heap, Headteacher

Gloucester Academy, Painswick Road, Gloucester, GL4 6RN

T: 01452 428800

E: info@gloucesteracademy.co.uk

W: www.gloucesteracademy.co.uk