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Dear Parent/Guardian

As we approach the end of the first half-term, I wanted to take this opportunity to write to you to express my great pride in the pupils for their conduct and work ethic throughout the last eight weeks. It has been great to get the pupils back through the doors of ERC and get things back to as normal as we possibly can at this time. I have been delighted to see the return of pupil movement around the school, pupils enjoying opportunities and making memories that will last with them forever through the return of our merit trip, practical subjects offered on the curriculum again and the wonderful uptake for our after school's clubs and activities. The pupils have been a credit to themselves and the school and can now enjoy a well-deserved rest over the Halloween period.

This term, we opened up our brand new canteen for hot meals/salad bar for pupils entitled to free school meals. The food is fantastic and the pupils have been extremely positive about their experience of the new canteen. I am delighted to inform you that after Halloween, all pupils can access the canteen at lunch if they wish to do so on a cash only basis. The canteen will still operate as normal for those pupils entitled to free school meals.

All pupils have completed assessments in each subject prior to the break. Year 12 and 14 pupils will receive a 'data drop' report of their scores over the next week. This allows us to identify what interventions need to be made prior to the November exams series and enables parents to have those all-important conversations at home. The Year 12 timetable for exams in November can be found below. Pupils sitting exams will be given their individual timetables after the half-term break. All Year 12's will sit Mathematics and English exams with students studying Double Award Science sitting important exams in the Biology and Chemistry units. Some Year 13 pupils will also resit their Mathematics and English exams. Please ensure your son/daughter is attending the revision classes after school each week and spends time each night at home studying for the examinations. It can really make all the difference.

Date	Start	Length	Board	Component Code	Component Title	Level
Mon 22 Nov	09:15	01:00	NICCEA	GDW11	Das: Biology Unit 1 [F]	GCSE/B
Mon 22 Nov	09:15	01:00	NICCEA	GDW12	Das: Biology Unit 1 [H]	GCSE/B
Tue 23 Nov	09:15	01:00	NICCEA	GDW21	Das: Chemistry Unit 1 [F]	GCSE/B
Tue 23 Nov	09:15	01:00	NICCEA	GDW22	Das: Chemistry Unit 1 [H]	GCSE/B
Fri 26 Nov	09:15	01:45	NICCEA	GEN11	English Lang Unit 1	GCSE/B
Mon 29 Nov	09:15	01:45	NICCEA	GMC21	Mathematics Unit 2 [F]	GCSE/B
Mon 29 Nov	09:15	02:00	NICCEA	GMC31	Mathematics Unit 3 [H]	GCSE/B
Mon 29 Nov	09:15	02:00	NICCEA	GMC41	Mathematics Unit 4 [H]	GCSE/B
Wed 01 Dec	09:15	01:45	NICCEA	GEN41	English Lang Unit 4	GCSE/B
Thu 02 Dec	09:15	01:00	NICCEA	GMC61	Mathematics Unit 6 Non-Calc [F]	GCSE/B
Thu 02 Dec	09:15	01:00	NICCEA	GMC62	Mathematics Unit 6 Calc [F]	GCSE/B

Please also find attached a reminder of our uniform policy for this year and discuss with your son/daughter ahead of their return from the Halloween break. Please be mindful in particular of the sections on footwear (trainers are not allowed), jewellery, make up and nails and the need for schoolbags and not handbags. Pupils can continue to wear their PE kit into school on the days that they have PE. With the weather turning colder, pupils should wear black or navy tracksuit bottoms over their PE kit.

The Department of Education have reviewed the wearing of face coverings in schools and have extended the directive that they should be worn inside school buildings until at least the end of November. With this in mind, can I please ask that you check each morning to ensure that pupils do not leave home without a face covering unless they are exempt from wearing one. We are currently handing out an unsustainable amount of face coverings each day. Your support on this matter is greatly appreciated, as always.

As you are aware, the health and safety of our pupils is paramount in Edmund Rice College. Please can I remind you that if your child is travelling by car to school in the mornings, they should be dropped off at the turning circle outside the school grounds and enter via the pedestrian gate. Cars are not allowed into the school and the front gates should not be used as an area to turn. This helps to keep our whole school community safe.

Unfortunately, at this time due to COVID restrictions, we are unable to hold our fantastic Prize Night ceremony on Thursday 21st October. It is my favourite night of the school calendar where we gather to celebrate the wonderful achievements of our pupils. We hope to hold an internal prize afternoon for our pupils prior to the Christmas holidays.

I wish all our pupils a restful and enjoyable half-term break. All pupils will return to Edmund Rice College (Junior School 8:45am start and Senior School 9am start) on **Tuesday 2nd November 2021**.

Yours faithfully

P Berne

Principal