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Dear College Community

I hope this letter finds you and your family safe and well in these difficult times. As we move into the latter part of the Autumn Term, here in the UK the weather has started to change and the days are becoming shorter, but I send warm greetings to our entire community.

This week we have heard the long awaited news of successful vaccine trials and subject to regulatory approval, the vaccine is planned to be rolled out in the UK as early as 1st December 2020. This is clearly the news we have all been waiting for and hopefully more success and information will follow on other vaccines in due course. In the interim, we must still be cautious and continue to follow the stringent hygiene protocols and social distancing measures we have all become so familiar with.

For your information:

Virtual Parents Evening

This is taking place on Wednesday 25th November from 6.00pm to 8.30pm. As you are aware, this will be a virtual evening with tutors and other colleagues being online. Further details and instructions will follow next week.

Boarders Out of Isolation

The compulsory isolation of the Boarders and quarantined staff finished on Thursday 12th November. Fortunately, none of the students developed Coronavirus and cases were limited to our Accommodation Manager and a member of the Welfare Team. Both are recovering and we look forward to welcoming them back to College in the not too distant future.

Christmas Travel

We strongly discourage any student or member of staff from travelling overseas during the Christmas period. The risk that increased travel will undoubtedly bring is of great concern. Any student travelling will need to be mindful of quarantine restrictions going both ways, currently 14 days in the UK, for certain countries. If students travel, they should ensure

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they meet quarantine rules to be back at College in time for the start of term on the 4th January 2021.

Rules on travel corridors and countries where travel is not allowed are likely to change at short notice. Many Governments have stringent travel rules in place and students need to be following the relevant guidance before making any plans.

Tuition in January 2021

We are expecting **ALL** students to be physically present in College from 4th January 2021. Online tuition is expected to cease for all students at the end of this term. Any visa applications or travel plans need to be mindful of this. There may be a short two-week extension to allow for quarantine restrictions **ONLY** but this will be at the discretion of the Principal.

It is worth noting that IGCSE and A level exams are currently still taking place for our students. The exams will start three weeks later than normal. If there is a change and the Government asks schools and colleges to assess their own students, as happened last year, tutors are likely to use the February mock exams as a starting point for their grading of CTC students.

Please all keep safe and well and we look forward to a safe remainder of the term for all our community.

With best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Chris Drew'.

Dr Chris Drew
Principal