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Dear Parent & Carers

I wanted to write to you with some key updates related to Covid-19 following the recent announcement about Plan B measures in England. Alongside this, I have provided some information on key dates for Year 9 options and 6<sup>th</sup> form applications.

### **Covid 19 – Changes**

Yesterday the Government announced that all Plan B measures will shortly be coming to an end. We also received some revised plans from the DfE on what this means for schools. From today, Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January, it is no longer recommended for students and staff to wear face coverings in classrooms. The DfE introduced this at the start of this term as a temporary measure. Alongside this, from Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January, face coverings are no longer recommended in communal areas for staff and students. We will be running an assembly during tutor time on Monday to outline these changes to students.

A reminder we advise families to continue LFD testing twice weekly and follow the necessary guidance around isolation protocols. If you do test positive, please email [covid@rrca.org.uk](mailto:covid@rrca.org.uk). Should you have any further questions regarding Covid 19 protocols/procedures please visit our website or email Mr Dyer on [Nicky.Dyer@rrca.org.uk](mailto:Nicky.Dyer@rrca.org.uk).

### **Year 9 Options**

You will shortly be receiving a letter from Mr Dyer regarding GCSE Options 2022. This is an exciting time for Year 9 students as they can start to choose their final GCSEs ready for their KS4 study. A reminder our live broadcast is on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January at 5 pm where you will have the opportunity to ask any questions you may have about the process. Please don't worry if can't attend the virtual event, it will be recorded and available on our website.

### **6<sup>th</sup> form Applications**

Yesterday, was our 6<sup>th</sup> form Open Evening with over 70 different families attending the event and already we have received a large number of applications in our inbox this morning. The recording to our presentation can be found on the website if you were unable to attend in person. If you require any further information about the application process, please visit the 6<sup>th</sup> form tab on the school website or feel free to contact Mr Howarth via email at [Simon.Howarth@rrca.org.uk](mailto:Simon.Howarth@rrca.org.uk)

Thanks again for your continued support and I wish both Year 9 & Year 11 all the best in the options and choices process over the next few weeks.

Yours faithfully

**Mr Markham**  
Principal



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