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16th October 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

Re: Mid-term Update

It is hard to believe that we are now at the end of week 7 with just one week left until half term. Like you, I have been paying careful attention to the Government's debate on the concept of a "circuit breaker". Whilst I don't want to jinx our position, this now seems to be off the table so at least we know where we are with regards to half term. This would be an appropriate point to draw to your attention that Monday, 2nd November is an INSET day, when Foundry will be closed to students.

Since the start of term, our students have been amazing and our routines are now well-established. We continue in our commitment to providing the best education possible for your child, while securing the health and safety of the whole Foundry College community. It is essential that we all continue to follow public health guidelines and we must rely on you to encourage your children to do the same, both in college and at home. I am pleased to again report that disruption due to Covid-19 related issues at Foundry has been minimal. As we approach half term, we will again be reviewing our risk assessments and protocols. These can be found on the website should you wish to refer to them, but I will write to you again if there are to be any significant changes.

With this letter are two attachments:

- A guide for parents / carers on absence from school
- Details of a study project being run by King's College London

Regarding the study project, researchers at King's College London are looking for school-aged children (aged 10-16) with challenging behaviours to take part in a new study called B-MAPS, which aims to map children's profiles of cognition, motivation and attention. This research will help us better understand children's social and emotional development and ultimately help those who experience challenging behaviours.

For parents, it involves completing some short questionnaires, which are expected to take 20-30 minutes. For students, it involves trying out some interactive science activities online - these can be done in 1 or 2 separate sessions, both lasting around 30 minutes. Students will receive a £15 Amazon voucher for completing the study. All families that take part will get an educational newsletter that explains why it's important to understand things like memory and attention, and includes some fun science-themed activities for the whole family to do together!

Sign up here  https://kclbs.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eQGDJQPkXDawvch

There is absolutely no obligation for you and your child to get involved.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact us if there is any further specific support we may be able to help with. Have a good weekend.

With warmest wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jay Blundell", written in a cursive style.

Jay Blundell
Headteacher

It takes commitment to change lives
Headteacher: Miss Jay Blundell