



Assalaamu Alaikum – ‘Peace be upon you’

Dear Parents/Guardians

RE: End of Term Letter

As we come to the end of another term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, your daughters, and all of the staff at Eden Girls’ School Coventry for the commitment and dedication that they have shown this term. The school continues to operate at an outstanding standard, as has been confirmed by reports following two visits from serving HMIs. Staff and students rose to the challenge of returning to school in September, still under the spectre of Covid-19, and have ensured that the school continues to deliver an outstanding educational offer for all students.

Highlights This Term

There have been a number of highlights and things that the school should be proud of this term:

- The school continues to stream all lessons through MS Teams to ensure that all students, even if they are unable to physically attend school, continue to receive a high quality educational offer.
- The school continues to offer all students high quality careers advice and guidance through the curriculum and through the engagement of other educational providers and private companies, ensuring that Year 10 and 11 students are able to make informed decisions about their next steps.
- The quality of teaching at the school continues to be rated as outstanding and this has been confirmed in the reports produced by a number of external visitors to the school, including Her Majesty’s Inspectors.
- GCSE Results for students who left at the end of the 2020-21 academic year were once again amongst the best in the country, and projections for the current Year 11 cohort are at least in line with these.
- The school continues to be the school of choice in the City, following publication of national and local league tables.
- The school has offered a number of trips and experiences to all students during the course of the term in a bid to return to a semblance of normality.
- The school has continued to manage Covid-19 exceptionally well, with very few incidents of students or staff recording positive results.
- Our students continue to excel across the city and nationally, winning a number of national awards, including the prestigious Goldsmiths Company Award for Community Service, as well as one of our Year 11 students being named the Poet Laureate for Coventry.
- The school has successfully introduced and launched a House system for all students. This has introduced an element of school wide competition and collegiality amongst students from different year groups.
- The school has continued to retain, develop, and deploy, high quality teaching staff, giving stability to students and the curriculum that they receive.





Eden Girls

Term End and January Restart

The school term ends on **Friday 17th December, 2021 at 12pm** for all students.

All students will return to school on **Wednesday January 5th, 2022**, at their normal school start time, and the school buildings will be open from 7:30 as normal, with registration starting at 8:15am.

LFD Testing in January

All students will be offered the opportunity to come into school on **Tuesday January 4th, 2022**, to take an LFD test. Students will be issued with consent forms on Friday 17th December. This is in line with Government guidance, and we hope that all students take up this offer to ensure that the school remains a safe environment for all. The consent forms will explain the process, but parents should bring students in, at any time between 8am and 3pm on Tuesday 4th January, to the Sports Hall, to take their LFD test. Once the test is completed, students can leave. Parents will be notified, by text message, if the test records a positive result. This will then require students to isolate and arrange for a PCR test. Students will also be issued with a second LFD test kit that they should use, at home, on Saturday 8th January. Again, if this records a positive result then students will need to arrange for a PCR test.

Uniform Expectations 2021-22 – The start of the new term should be seen as a ‘reset’ for students and staff – a chance to start afresh. With this in mind, **the school will be insisting on full school uniform** for all students. Can I remind parents that, if required, school uniform should be purchased from Stevensons online by visiting their website, www.stevensons.co.uk. Parents should ensure that they order uniform as soon as possible to guarantee delivery in time for January 5th.

Behaviour Expectations 2021-22 – We are proud of the standards of behaviour exhibited by our students. However, every now and then, students make mistakes or bad choices. The behaviour and sanctions chart is on the school website, under the Parent Letters section. Please take the time to look through this. This will ensure that you understand the sanctions issued and maintain consistency.

Mobile Phones – The school has always had a very stringent policy on students bringing mobile phones in to school. **If a mobile phone is seen, it will be confiscated** and only returned to a parent. Similarly, if staff are made aware that a student has a mobile phone in their possession they will reserve the right to confiscate the device. In a circumstance where you believe it is paramount for your daughter to have a mobile phone, you must apply, in writing, for special dispensation. Letters should be addressed to Mr Khalifa, Assistant Principal, who will evaluate each request on its individual merits.

Parental Suggestions – As a Principal I very much value your opinions and ideas as parents for improving the school and the provision we offer all students. A new email address has been created to enable parents to send in their suggestions, ideas, or concerns, and this email address will be checked daily by myself, or one of my senior leaders. The address to use for suggestions is: parentsuggestionbox@egcoventry.staracademies.org



Eden Girls

Please let me take this opportunity to wish you and your families a restful winter break. We look forward to welcoming you all back in January.

Regards

Anand Patel

Principal

02476 220937 | Anand.Patel@egcoventry.staracademies.org