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Dear Parent/Guardians

Normally, at this time of year, schools are filled with young people excited about the Christmas holidays. It is, therefore, very sad that our school has been empty all week and our curtailed Christmas festivities have not taken place. However, it makes us all the more determined to ensure Christmas 2021 will be, once again, a truly festive time in school.

Well done to all our students who have engaged with distance learning this week. I have seen some excellent pieces of work produced and heard about fantastic engagement from students through live lessons. In addition, we have managed to speak to nearly all our families through telephone calls from our inclusion team.

Following my letter yesterday, we now know that **distance learning** will take place from **Tuesday 5th January to Friday 8th January**. A reminder that Monday 4th January is an INSET day and therefore, students will not be required to engage in distance learning. From Tuesday 5th January onwards, work will be streamed, recorded or set on Google Classroom and form tutors will be contacting home.

### **Covid-19 over Christmas Period**

Although the school will be closed for the full two week period over Christmas, the arrangements for reporting positive Covid-19 will remain the same. The likelihood of us having to track and trace with year groups isolating is minimal as the two day time period from last contact in school will probably have elapsed. The school will not respond to Covid-19 emails over Christmas if track and trace is not needed. However, we still do need the information for our records.

If your child does receive a **Negative** test result, please send a screenshot to [info@stjuliansschool.co.uk](mailto:info@stjuliansschool.co.uk) as soon as possible.

If your child receives a **Positive** test result, please email and send a screenshot to [covid19@stjuliansschool.co.uk](mailto:covid19@stjuliansschool.co.uk).

### **Progress Evenings**

Our calendarised Progress Evenings have now become Tutor Evenings via telephone. Letters have been sent out to all Year 9 parents with more details on how this will be conducted on **Thursday 7 January 2021**, please see link [here](#) for the letter. These consultations will continue as planned.

### **And finally ...**

I think most of us are happy to see the back of 2020. It has been an incredibly difficult year for everybody. Our students need to be in school with their teachers on a regular basis to receive the quality education they are entitled to. The pandemic has prevented this from happening. We can only hope that the vaccine will eventually bring a return to normality at some point in 2021 and our students can, once again, enjoy uninterrupted access to their school education.

The first letter of the new school year will be distributed on Monday 4th January to provide you with information about distance learning that week. In the meantime, I wish all our students and their families a very **Merry Christmas** and more importantly, hope that everybody stays safe and well. We look forward to seeing our students again in the new year.

### **Nadolig Llawen!**

Yours faithfully



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Headteacher/Pennaeth