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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that this letter finds you and your families well and looking forward to Christmas.

The remaining two Year 7 forms were able to visit the Museum of Cyprus this week, following all Covid protocols. They enjoyed finding out more about life in Cyprus in ancient times and having a hands-on experience with the artefacts on display.

Today the Music, Drama and Dance departments have been busy filming the performances for the online Talent Show, I'm really looking forward to seeing our students perform once the video has been edited. We will share the link for it as soon as possible.

The Year 7 and 9 students will be watching the play 'Sabel's Red Dress' in their Greek lessons, in their Year Group bubbles, before the end of term. We are very fortunate to be able to share this extremely well-reviewed story with the students and are sure that they will make the most of this opportunity to learn more about the life experiences of other people.

As you are no doubt aware, the Student Council has organised a series of three non-uniform days before the end of term to raise money for 3 different charities and to bring some much needed Christmas cheer into our School. The remaining two non-uniform days will be on Friday 17th December and Wednesday 22nd December.

We are very excited about a new initiative from our GMAT (Gifted, More Able and Talented) Coordinator, Mr. Papadopoulos. He has been working with CTY Greece (Centre for Talented Youth) in collaboration with Johns Hopkins University in America and has arranged for our school to be a centre for the CTY assessments on Sunday 16th January 2022. The purpose of the assessment is to identify our gifted and talented students so that we can create our new GMAT register and further progress with the deployment of our new Gifted & Talented programme. We would encourage students between Years 7 and 9 to participate, there is no preparation required for this examination. Students who are accepted onto the CTY programme are eligible to take part in a variety of courses held by CTY Greece all year-long (online or physical). Mr. Papadopoulos is an instructor at CTY and is available to answer any questions you may have about the CTY programme or about our School's GMAT programme. This will be preceded by a day of training for our teaching staff, and we are looking forward to welcoming CTY Greece to the Senior School in January for the beginning of a new collaboration.

If you have not yet logged into the ISAMS Parent Portal, please do so as we will be sending the reports out through the Portal and through email at the end of term. If you require a reminder of your log in details, please do not hesitate to email mismanager@tjss.ac.cy. A video explaining the steps to take when logging in for the first time can be found at: <https://youtu.be/lwKa-wdUXYw>

As we are heading into the colder weather now, we are seeing an increasing number of children suffering from colds and other ailments. Should your child show any of the symptoms associated with Covid, we would recommend that they undergo a rapid test **before** coming into school. Additionally we would like to remind you of the guidelines we have received on hybrid or online learning. This will only be offered to students who will be at home for an extended period of time because they are self-isolating as a close contact or because they are otherwise well but unable to come into school (for example if they have a broken leg). If your child is absent for a short period of time, we would first recommend that they rest and recover. We will make every effort to support their learning by providing catch up work on the class Teams page.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you about the first in our series of Parent Seminars:

“A Parent’s Guide to Study Skills; Learning how to Learn and Revise Effectively”

In this seminar we will be covering practical support for your children with studying, theories of learning, their practical implications and techniques for effective revision. The seminar will take place remotely on 16th December at 6.30pm. Joining instructions will be sent nearer the time.

The rapid testing unit will next be in school on Tuesday 14th December. This means that any student who needs a rapid test for their SafePass will need to have a test over the weekend.

Please can I remind you that school opens for students in the morning at 7.10 am. Any students who arrive on the site before that time may wait for the gates to open but will not be supervised by staff.

Stay safe and have a good weekend!

Kind Regards,

Dr. Beth Ashfield

Acting Senior School Headteacher / Principal

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