

16<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

**END OF TERM**

As we approach the end of another busy year, I will like to take this opportunity to thank you for the support you have given both to your child and to the school during another pandemic year. It is wonderful to reflect back from the beginning of the year 2021, when we went straight into Lockdown and hence online learning. We remained opened to vulnerable and key workers' children throughout the Lockdown and our Welfare and Safeguarding Team stepped up to the challenge.

In the midst of all uncertainties due to COVID, we have carried on as normal; entering students for examinations to bank results as early as possible. I can report the following; 3 students already have 6 qualifications including level 2 English, 10 student gained level 2 CMI, 4 students gained level 2 English, 5 students sat their level 2 maths, a further 3 students sat their level 2 English, and 9 students have gained their Food Hygiene level 1. These are also the results of the effort and hard work put in by all staff involved with our students and once again I will like to thank them for what they do here at BBAB.

At times like these, I must report that we are losing one member of staff, **Ms Katrina Chahal, Our Inclusion and Behaviour Mentor** who has decided to move on to train as a social worker. Katrina has worked in the school for nearly two years and will be greatly missed. We wish her every success in her new adventure.

Due to the recent rapid infection rates of Covid-19 virus, I write to confirm arrangements for the start of term in the new year. Schools have been asked to provide onsite testing for secondary pupils at the start of January 2022. Therefore, a slight adjustment has been made to the first day back for secondary pupils only. **Tuesday the 4<sup>th</sup> January is an INSET Day and no students will be in school. There will be onsite testing open for all students on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January; Years 9 and 10 students to come in from 9am to 11am, and years 11 & 6<sup>th</sup> Form to come in from 11am to 1pm. Please arrange to bring your child to school at those times, to test and then go back home. This is due to government guidelines for all schools. All students return to school as normal from Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January.** Thank you for your support and understanding at this time.

Can I once again take this opportunity to thank you all for your continual support of the staff at school and most importantly, your child's education over the past term. I look forward to see all our students back on **5<sup>th</sup> January 2020 from 9am**, when the school reopens for testing only. Have a Merry Christmas.

Kind regards,

Philip Tagoe

Head of School.