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Covid positive case information & final day of term - update

Dear Parents & Carers,

I wanted to let you know we had 3 further student cases yesterday – two in Year 8 and one in Year 13. Any student close contacts have been isolated already.

This makes a total of 16 student cases this term, with an increase in the last week. This may sound like a lot, but it is quite normal for London secondary schools at present, and if anything is lower than local averages.

Parents may be interested to know that we ran a “mass testing pilot” yesterday using the new rapid response Covid tests. 90 sixth form students volunteered to be tested, with only one coming back positive. We had 90 staff volunteers too, with three positive. The pilot was a good step forward in terms of identifying levels of virus in the school. Rapid response tests will feature in all schools from January, helping us minimise the need for people to isolate, identify asymptomatic cases and keep school as safe as possible. The government announcement on this can be seen at the link below.

We're very much looking forward to seeing all students for the last day of term tomorrow. A reminder it is a half day – students will be dismissed from 11.45 onwards.

[Rapid Response Testing in Schools Announcement](#)

Best wishes,



David Benson
Principal