



December 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

As we come to the end of an unusually long half term, I would like to thank you for your support through yet another challenging period.

As always, our students have enjoyed various events in and out of school over this first term. We were happy to welcome many of you to our annual Awards Evening. Our Year 11 and 13 students completed two weeks of mock exams and have now had feedback. I would like to extend my thanks to all staff who enabled these to happen. Students have received the results of these exams and the all-important reviews and corrections. Other year groups have had either their reports or tracking this term. As always, please contact the relevant Head of Year if you have any questions about these.

Staff and students have also been hard at work rehearsing and preparing for our next School Show; 'SiX The Musical'. This is a relatively new production and proving extremely popular with the students; particularly those with the confidence and desire to perform in front of an audience. Tickets go on sale in January and are sure to sell out very quickly so get yours in good time.

In the run up to Christmas, our students got into the festive mood with a number of charity event raising funds for Criag's Heartstrong Foundation, Save the Children and the Isle of Man Foodbank. Thank you for supporting these school community events.

This Thursday, 22 December 2022, the school will close at the usual time of 3:45pm, with students spending the final lesson of the day with their teachers. Students in Key Stage 3 have been issued with a sticker in their planner, signposting them to sources of help and support whilst the school is closed. The same information has been offered to students in Key Stages 4&5.

Sadly, we bid farewell to both Dr Cheverton and Mrs. Preston at the end of this term. The former began her teaching career with us as a Science teacher, and the latter has worked in many different roles throughout the school, most recently supporting students who access Skills Centre 4. They will both be missed. In addition, our Subject Lead for English, Mrs Moore has now gone on her maternity leave. We wish them all well.

Forthcoming key dates:

Monday 9 th January 2023	9am	School opens for the spring term
Wednesday 15 th to Friday 17 th February	7pm	School Show – 'SiX'
Friday 17 th February	3:45pm	School closes for half term
Monday 27 th February	9am	School reopens
Thursday 6 th April	3:45pm	School closes for Easter holiday
Monday 24 th April	9am	School opens for the summer term

May I finally take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and healthy Christmas holiday. We look forward to another year of learning here at Castle Rushen in 2023.

Best wishes

Mr K Winstanley
Headteacher