

July 10<sup>th</sup> 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

After 16 weeks of lockdown restrictions, which have kept schools closed to the majority of students, this will probably be the final letter of term but it is an important one.

## September 2020

We have worked on a plan for the full opening of the school in September and this was approved by the Governors on Wednesday evening. There will have to be many changes and new routines but these are all done with the intention of allowing the core business of school to continue in as safe a way as possible for all who work and learn here. The plan for full reopening is attached to the weekly email for your information but it will also be available from Monday on the COVID-19 section of the website along with a video summary of the key messages.

Thank you to all those who have completed the transport survey. With about 50% of returns in already, it looks as though transport intentions for September have not changed at all on previous practice and this is useful information for us to have and to pass on to the Local Authority.

All students are expected to return to school after the summer holiday period. It is very important to note the change of start dates in September:

- Year 7 will begin as planned on Wednesday September 2<sup>nd</sup> and have a full day of induction activities.
- Year 9 and 10 will now return from Thursday September 3<sup>rd</sup> as they have had no in-school contact at all during lockdown.
- Year 8 and 11 will now return from Friday September 4<sup>th</sup>.

I recognise that this is a change from the additional plan but we do need to gradually test the systems and get students used to the new procedures around school.

## Year 10

We have had another good week with students from year 10 attending for their option subjects. The arrangements for next week are that students are in from 9.00am till 1.25pm for sessions in Maths and English:

- Monday July 13<sup>th</sup> English sets 1 a and 1b
- Tuesday July 14<sup>th</sup> English sets 1c and 2a
- Wednesday July 15<sup>th</sup> English sets 2b and 2c
- Thursday July 16<sup>th</sup> English sets 2d, 3a and 3b

## FSM

The vouchers to cover the school holidays for those families eligible for them have now been ordered and so you should soon receive a voucher for £90 per child for the six week holiday period. As school resumes for all in September, this will be the last of the vouchers on the current scheme.

## Keyworker/Vulnerable students

Friday July 17<sup>th</sup> is the last day of provision for this group of students. Please remember that school will close at 1.25 on this day.

## Uniform & Appearance

Students are expected to be in full school uniform when they return. As I always ask at the start of a holiday period, please do not allow your sons or daughter to do anything to their appearance in terms of hair, make up, jewellery, piercings etc. that will cause a problem in school in September. We have high standards of appearance and make no compromise on that or apology for it.

## Staff leaving at the end of term

A big thank you to those members of staff who have made such a contribution but who will not be returning in September. We wish them all well for the future.

Mrs S Williams in Science  
Mr A Wood in History  
Mrs C Tuakasil as Teaching Assistant  
Mrs S Brennan as Teaching Assistant  
Mr D Parkinson as DT Technician

## New staff

In September we will welcome the following new members of staff

Mr B Humfrey	English
Mrs J Clements	English
Miss C Bailey	History
Mrs J Brewer	School Data Manager
Mrs L Brown	PE

## Mentors

There are very few changes to the mentors in September

7 SAM will be taken by Mrs Clements and become 8 JCT

8 SWS will be taken by Mrs Jones and become 9 LJO

9 JWN will be taken by Ms Fry and become 10 CFY

10 COR will be taken by Ms Hilton-Peet and become 11 EHT

It has been really good to see the response from Year 7 to come in to meet their mentors today. This has been the strangest school year all of us have ever experienced and we look forward to having everyone back in September, even though there will still be restrictions on the way we can operate.

I would like to thank all of you for your patience, support and understanding during this period. I assure you that we will do our utmost to support every one of our young people pastorally and in their learning in the new context of September. In the meantime I hope the summer period is a good one for you and your families.

Yours

Andrew Waller

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