

## Head of Year 8 – Mr Digby

Good morning Year 8,

Roll on “Super Saturday”. I will finally be able to get a haircut!

Following further government guidelines and lessening of restrictions, there is a feeling that we are starting to regain a level of normality. That in itself begs the question of what is normal and how will things look in the future? What does the rest of the year have in store for us and how will the start of year 9 look?

I don't know the answer to those questions but what I do know is that I would rather be working in a full school than one where we are limited by social distancing.

What has also changed is guidance for schools and the ability to have face time with Years 7, 8 and 9. Mr O'Sullivan posted an update on the school website, which outlines plans to have you back in school for a morning. This will take place week commencing 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> July and you will only have to attend on one day, further details will be issued shortly.

- Year 7 to Year 9 students will spend time with their Form Tutors.
- Form classes will be split into two separate groups (For example 9DA, half on Tuesday and half on Wednesday).
- We will provide one session in school with their Form Tutor for each student prior to the end of term.
- They will receive pastoral and practical guidance. They will complete an academic review, receive support in English, Maths and Sciences and will be given advice about catching up and working at home.
- They will be present in school between 8.20 and 12.00 p.m. in their form groups.

I am really looking forward to seeing your smiling faces and being able to speak to you all in person. I would really encourage each one of you to attend your allocated session and make the most of the opportunity to see you teachers, your friends and most importantly me! (Joke)

As we start to enjoy a little more freedom and watch as more businesses open up we still need to be considerate and follow the government guidelines. I know meeting up with friends is very important but remember to follow the social distancing rules. You may feel invincible and that it won't happen to you, but some of you may have elderly or poorly relatives who won't be as strong as you in fighting off any infections or virus.

Be considerate but most importantly be kind!

Stay safe and best wishes

Mr Digby