



29th May 2020

Dear Parents/Carers and Student,

I hope this letter finds you and your families safe and well during these challenging times. You will be aware that the College is planning with great care for a phased reopening in order that students may access some face to face support with their teachers.

Please be assured, our absolute priority is the continued safety & well-being of our students, staff and their families. We will continue to keep abreast of government announcements and our plans may be subject to amendment. However, as previously stated, we will take a cautious, phased & participative approach to ensure we re-open in a safe, measured and thoughtful way, adhering to guidelines from Public Health England and the Department of Education.

Based on our initial plans, it is anticipated that students will return to College from the week commencing 15th June and it is our aim to meet with groups of year 12 students to provide pastoral and academic mentoring sessions.

Due to the need to maintain social distancing, the government has advised that no more than 25% of the year group are in college on any given day. The College is currently undertaking a detailed and robust risk assessment to ensure as far as possible the safety and wellbeing of students and staff. We will send you more details of the plan, including a timetable of sessions once this risk assessment is complete. We thank you for your patience and understanding.

We encourage all students to seize the opportunity to come to College because we believe this will re-energise and revitalise them whilst giving them the chance to talk through any personal or academic concerns they may have. Although the environment will be different than they are used to, students will be greeted by the enthusiasm and warmth of teachers who have sincerely missed their presence in College. We hope that this opportunity will build confidence and certainty about taking steps towards a more familiar normality.

So that we can make necessary logistical arrangements for the number of students expected, can you please complete the linked parent survey by Monday 8th June to indicate your intentions of your child returning to College. <https://forms.gle/MCNLDzUHZG9s8CFv5>

In the meantime, and for the remaining half term, remote lessons will continue via google classroom and we value the continued support of parents in ensuring engagement with these materials. We will continue to develop our online offer for lesson delivery and resources to ensure that students benefit from materials being delivered by teachers and have the opportunity to ask questions and gain verbal feedback.

I very much look forward with hope and optimism to seeing our students again in the near future.



With warmest wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rhiannon Bond".

Rhiannon Bond
Head of College