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Dear Parent/Carer

I have written to all students in Year 12 and wanted to share that information with you.

As the end of term approaches I am sure that your child will be looking forward to a well-deserved break. I am very proud of all Year 12 for the way that they have managed all the way through this very difficult and unprecedented time. They are the only generation to have ever done this and they have responded brilliantly.

There is a lot of talk in the media about them being the “lost generation” and missing six months of school. You should be aware that the teachers are confident that your child has covered the same amount of work as they would have done, had the lock down not occurred. For those that have been able to come to the tutorials, all staff have said to me, on many occasions, how impressed they are with their work ethic and general positive attitude. Whilst the last 70 days of education have not been what we would have wanted, the effort your child has put in has ensured that they will not be a ‘lost generation’.

In September we will all be returning to school full time. Students will be having their normal lessons as usual but you should be aware that everyone will be moving to a one week timetable. This means that there will be the same lessons at the same time every week. This will be a big change for all of us. During the week all Year 13 students will receive five lessons per subject, this is an increase in the amount of contact time and will enable teachers to ensure sure that there are no gaps in knowledge.

In order to allow for the Government guidelines that were announced recently, we have had to make significant changes to the usual routine.

One of the main changes we will be introducing, for Year 12 and 13, will be using the **Back Lane entrance only**. Students will not be able to use any other entrance, or exit the site by any other way at normal entry and exit times. At the moment, we are planning for the vast majority of Year 12 and 13 lessons to be in the maths or technology blocks. Students will be fully briefed on all changes when they return in September. In order to manage the safe return of all students, we will be following a staggered return to school. While our new Year 7 will return on Tuesday 8 September, **Year 13 will return on Wednesday 9 September from 12.45pm until 2.45pm.**

Over the summer holidays teachers will not be setting you any new work. We feel that students need to rest so that they can continue with their studies in September. Teams will be closed over the summer holidays but all of the work that has been set will still be available on the VLE or in streams (via office 365).

<https://satchel.guiseleyschool.org.uk/course/view.php?id=481>



There is, however, an expectation that your child will consolidate their learning and review the work that they have covered. In order to help with this, teachers have produced knowledge organisers for each unit of work. These are two page documents that contain all the information they will need to know. In September we will give students hard copies of them but from Friday they can be accessed at:

<https://satchel.guiseleyschool.org.uk/mod/folder/view.php?id=22569>

A useful strategy is: Read, cover, write, check. This involves carefully reading the knowledge organisers, then covering up a section and trying to re-write what can be remembered, then checking where there are gaps and filling those in in green pen. Understanding is often remembering in disguise.

If teachers have set some work, then it will be review work and they will give time to complete this in September.

I have covered a lot in this e-mail so to summarise:

- Teams will be closed on Monday 22 July but all of the work is on the VLE
- No new work but students to use the knowledge organisers to make sure they know the work covered
- Students should try not to worry and don't listen to sensationalist media
- In September there is a one week timetable with more contact time
- There will be changes to school in September but we will all be back full time
- Year 13 start back on Wednesday 9 September at 12.45 pm
- Year 12 and 13 may only use the Back Lane entrance

If you need to contact me, than please e-mail me and I will reply as soon as possible, although it may take longer than normal during the holiday period.

I look forward to welcoming your child back to school in September.

Yours sincerely

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