

27<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I just wanted to write to thank everyone for their support and understanding over this week. The quality of online engagement has been fantastic and the work we have seen has been excellent. We realise that this is down to the students, but this couldn't be achieved without your expectations and support at home.

Tomorrow (Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May) is a pre-arranged INSET day, so there will not be work set. Next week, the school is on half term break. Our hope is that this extended period of students not mixing in large numbers will allow the school to reopen for face to face teaching on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June for all students. We would ask again that families use the Lateral Flow Tests to identify any further cases and we can then ensure we can return with minimal disruption. Whilst these tests can create a heated debate, it has been noted that our community's willingness to engage in the process is one of the reasons we were able to identify the outbreaks and make the difficult decision this week. Thank you again for this. I have also attached a letter from Dr Sakthi Karunanithi, which schools have been asked to share.

When we return in June, our Year 11 will no longer be on site and our newly appointed Prefects will take up their posts, with a massive congratulations to the following students for their success in being our team of Senior Prefects:

- Ruby Hodgkinson
- Locklyn McKechnie
- Elissa Southern
- Maia Coffey
- Xander Lowe
- Amy Steadman

They will be leading a team of fantastic students, with more than ever applying to give something back to the school. I am sure you will get to meet many over the coming 12 months as they lead on school events!

As with any re-start, we will be asking everyone for the highest possible standards of uniform, behaviour and learning. There are a couple of things that we would ask for support in reinforcing:

- **LSA Sweaters are V-Neck.** We know that some suppliers are still selling the old round neck sweatshirt, but this is NOT part of the uniform and can't be worn in school
- If students are cold, they are welcome to wear a V-Neck sweater under their blazer. **However, coats are no longer allowed to be worn in lessons/classrooms**
- Ties are not optional and need to be worn
- Shoes need to be traditional, black school shoes
- Until we hear more from the government, we do ask that children arrive with face masks, hopefully making use of the reusable ones given to students last term.

We will be reinforcing these expectations when we return and Heads of Year will be available to support with any concerns or issues.

I hope we all have a wonderful half term break.

Your sincerely,



Mr Baker

Headteacher