



COMMUNITY

Corona Virus Update 21: 25th June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I write to confirm (as much as we can) arrangements for the start of the new Academic year in September to give you as much advance notice of the adapted arrangements.

- Following my previous communication, I gave information about our approach to further enhancing provision to Year 10 students following updated Government guidance. Our approach has been to cater for individual needs through face-to-face meetings, home visits and e-learning.
- On Tuesday I began to meet with parents and students to support specific needs – It was lovely to begin to see more students in school and to further support further where we can.
- It is important that Year 10 students understand that GCSEs next year is still ‘unknown territory’ and it is a very strong possibility that GCSEs will be a combination of teacher assessment and external assessment. With this in mind, students must ensure they are engaging with the school as this has an impact on the ‘effort’ they are showing towards their studies. I will be using the information collected throughout this period as a starting point and evidence base for any future GCSE awarding decision. This also prompted some more reflection on the routines that need to be in place at home and in readiness for our full return - I ask that this is discussed with all children in order to support their education and general wellbeing.
- There will be 2 training days for staff in September to go through new and amended arrangements including safety systems and procedures. This will take place on Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th September.
- The first week of the academic year will be for new Year 7 students only, to incorporate their missed transition period. This will take place on Wednesday 9th September to Friday 11th September.
- We plan on welcoming all Year 11 (currently in Year 10) students the following week (Monday) and other year groups in the following weeks. The exact timeline will be shared with you in the coming weeks due to us still awaiting clear and confirmed national guidance.



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- Please note that the above information comes with the caveat of Government guidance and updates. It is immensely frustrating to not be able to give you a definitive of actual start dates due to responding to daily amendments and changes, but please be reassured in the fact that I and the staff are aiming for all students to return when it is safe and possible to do so.

Please do get in touch if you require any support during this time, our thoughts are with you and know that there are so many stresses to deal with on top of the impact it has on you and your family.

Yours faithfully

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