



Dear Parents/Carers

July 2020

September Opening

I am sure that our whole academy community will have been delighted to hear the news last week that schools will be open for all students from September. We are really looking forward to seeing all of our students again. We have had an increasing number in school over the past month and they have all been glad to get back to learning with their peers.

We know that students learn best in the school environment but that they flourish when they have support from home. We have finalised our re-opening plans - please refer to our website. I would urge you to keep checking our website and social media outlets as a matter of course over the holiday period.

Having been without a routine for what will be five months is going to pose some challenges for our students. I am asking for your support in helping to prepare your child for their return. This will vary depending on the lockdown experience of your child.

When we return in September, our standards and expectations will be the same as they were when we finished in March 2020. All students should return in full school uniform and be compliant with our uniform policy.

Heads of Year are writing to all students with a warm welcome back and some key reminders that they should let any extreme hairstyle grow out; sort out any unnatural hair colours and that they will be asked to remove non-compliant piercings. It is important that we are consistent with our high expectations and standards. We pride ourselves on being a caring community and I would like to thank you in advance for your support with this.

There has been much talk in the press about students having 'gaps' in their learning. I want to reassure you that we will make up for any lost learning throughout next academic year; we do not want our students to arrive in September with concerns in this respect.

We will also work to address well-being issues that will have arisen from the situation that we have been in. A key part to the successful return to school will be reinforcing our expectations



for good behaviour and values, particularly resilience. Again, I believe we can work together as the adults in our community to support our children.

As mentioned earlier, Heads of Year will send out more information regarding the logistics of the re-opening. If you have any pressing questions or queries, please contact us.

It is exciting being able to get back into school in September. We are currently implementing plans to be able to welcome everyone back safely and in accordance with Government guidance. In the meantime I wish you all the very best for the summer holidays.

Yours sincerely

David Terry
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