

3 July 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am writing to confirm arrangements for the remaining weeks of the school year.

Year 10

It has been tremendous to see the year 10 students back in school and learning. Their behaviour and attitudes have been exemplary and many of them have found it to be a positive experience. The opportunity for face to face sessions will continue during **6-9 July**. Beyond this, the year 10s will revert back to home based virtual learning for the remainder of the term. We have decided to take this course of action in order to be able to bring year 7, 8 and 9 students into school for a face to face session in the final full week of term.

Year 7, 8, 9

I have already written in detail about the arrangements for years 7-9 coming into school for a face to face session from **Monday 13 July**. Mr Hood, Assistant Headteacher, and your child's Head of Year will be in contact with further specific detail of the day and time that they should arrive in school.

Virtual Careers day

On **Wednesday 8 July** year 7-9 students will be taking part in a virtual careers day. Usual timetabled online-lessons will be replaced by a series of sessions and lessons exploring and supporting our students' career aspirations. Year 7 will be taking part in a STEAM (Science Technology Engineering, Arts and Maths) day where they will be exploring a range of different industries and the career opportunities open to them. Year 8 and 9 will be looking further ahead into their options post 16.

End of Term dates

For all groups, school work will be provided online through until **Monday 20 July**. On **Tuesday 21 July**, students are encouraged to use their time to access the virtual end of year assemblies that Heads of Year are putting together. This will provide an opportunity for students to celebrate their achievements and will formally mark the end of the school year. They might also take the opportunity to tidy up their workspace in google classroom, virtually file work etc.

Special Provision

The final day for special provision school for children of critical workers and other invited children will be **Tuesday 21 July**. The school will close at 3pm.

Year 11 results day

The results for the 2020 qualifications will be available to students on **Thursday 20 August**. We are currently finalising our plans and we will be in touch before the end of the school term with more detail about arrangements. We are hoping to be able to welcome our year 11 students back into school to pick up their results (with full safety and social distancing measures in place). We also hope that they will be able to pick up their school books on the same day.

Arrangements for September

I can confirm that students will return to school in **Friday 4 September**. As I have previously written, this is a change to the originally advertised date in order to bring in the new year 7 cohort for transition activities on Thursday 3 September.

You may be aware that yesterday, schools finally received guidance from the DfE regarding the arrangements for re-opening schools in September. The shared ambition is to have all students back in school full time. Alongside this ambition, schools have been asked to implement a range of measures in order to reduce the risk of Covid-19 transmission. The school leadership team is considering carefully how we might respond to this and I will be in touch with you in due course to outline our plans – please bear with us as implementing the guidance will require significant changes to our initial plans for September.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mr A Johnson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr A Johnson
Headteacher