



3 March 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian and Student,

Welcome back from Lockdown!

The Journey Continues...just a little bumpier than expected!

In the Parent Information Meeting that was held at the start of this lockdown, I shared a quote "I have come to accept the bumpy roads of life, they seem to lead to the best places", and given that our year group's tagline is "the journey continues" I thought it was relevant to share this quote again. It has been a bumpy journey for year 10 throughout their GCSE course but this lockdown has highlighted, once again, how amazing the students in year 10 are and how well deserving they will be of their GCSE results when these are ultimately received. Each week in assembly I have shared "shout outs" from the teachers praising the student's efforts with home learning, and have repeatedly told them how proud I am of the way they have handled themselves during this time. It has been an incredibly difficult time for everyone and to see the strength that the students have shown makes me so very proud.

Next week we will be returning to school. For most students, it has been almost three months since they were last in the building. As such, this is three months without the routine of school, without seeing all of their friends, and for a lot of them, three months without regularly leaving the house. Whilst we have had routine through the live and non-live lessons, I think we can all agree it is not quite the same as the routine of being physically in school. It will take some adjusting back into the routine of school, but I think the best way to do this is to start from now to ensure they are prepared for returning as much as possible. I would therefore ask for your support in checking that your child is preparing themselves for their return to school. Have they got all the correct equipment? Does their uniform still fit? Have they shared any concerns and worries they may have with us?

We have high expectations with regards to uniform to ensure that students are looking smart and appropriately dressed, as such I would like to take this time to remind you that students should be wearing school shoes, not trainers, that they should not be wearing coats in the building, the only jewellery allowed is a plain pair of stud earrings, any other jewellery should not be worn in school, and will need to be removed, this includes nose piercings. A reminder of the school's uniform requirements is available on the school website by following [this link](#).

Please could I ask for your support in ensuring that your child is following these uniform expectations. Should there be any issues with your child having the correct uniform, please complete the survey [here](#).

The past few months have been very difficult for everyone, and I am aware that some people have struggled more than others, as such we have put together a "wellbeing questionnaire". The purpose of this survey is to offer students an opportunity to voice their feelings. There is absolutely no shame in asking for help when it is needed, it is an incredibly brave thing to do and therefore, I would ask that all students complete this form so that we can identify any that may need support from us during the return period. The link to the survey is [here](#).

Should you also feel there is any important information that we should know with regards to supporting your child following the lockdown, please do not hesitate to contact your child's form tutor, or myself, via the school reception. I am keen to ensure that we are supporting

students with not just their academics, but also social and wellbeing needs upon their return to school.

I will be holding an assembly for all year 10 students at **10am** on **Thursday 4 March** to provide them with some more details regarding the return to school. In order to join this assembly students should log in to their tutor group Google Classroom Meet link promptly at 10am. No asynchronous work will be set for this lesson, as it is important that students are present for this. To support the students, I have also posted the information regarding joining the assembly in the year 10 Support Google Classroom, and as a pupil announcement on Class Charts. Please remind your child to attend this.

Testing – Monday 8 March

Year 10 will be invited in for Covid testing.

10G1	12.20pm
10G2	12.40pm
10P1	13.10pm
10P2	13.30pm
10T1	13.50pm
10T2	14.10pm

Students will need to arrive at the times above and enter the site via the PE gate. Students will be asked to line up and enter the testing centre. Students will need to ensure they are wearing masks for this whole process, they will also be expected to wear full school uniform.

Year 10 students will return to lessons on Tuesday 9 March.

I would like to end by saying, once again, how very, very, proud I am of year 10 for the resilience and commitment that they have shown towards their learning during this time and I am confident that this attitude and focus will continue upon their return to school. I am really looking forward to seeing everyone in person again!

Yours Sincerely



Miss B Davies
Head of Year 10