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HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I really hope that you are all keeping safe and well.

As you have probably heard in the media, the government has announced a full return to school in September, for all year groups. However, a range of COVID-19 secure measures will need to be in place to keep the students and staff as safe as possible. These measures will include enhanced cleaning and hygiene measures, staggered start and finish times, staggered breaks times, classrooms organised facing forward, minimise contact between individuals, maintain social distancing wherever possible and restricted movement for students around the school site. Students will need to remain in their year group bubble which will restrict year groups from mixing on the school site. Social distancing between teachers and students will be expected as far as feasibly possible but especially in the classroom environment. As you can imagine this now presents a logistical challenge for schools and one which we are currently working through. We are carefully considering all the guidance and will keep you updated.

I attach the link to the government guidance for your perusal. [Government guidance](#)

I am delighted that all the students will be returning to school, but we will continue to build on the remote learning technology and skills that we have adopted during this closure period. Google classroom will continue to be used and developed across the curriculum. This will then be the contingency plan should the school return to local lockdown or responding to staff availability. A full return in September will mean students study the breadth of the curriculum, but some creative art and performance subjects may look very different under the new measures.

September is still a while away and I trust that situation with the virus remains under control, but I do feel that this could remain a fluid situation and please do watch out for further updates.

To provide reassurance we have made firm plans for the students' induction as we open in September. Our priority is on their safety, reintroduction to school routines and to close any gaps on progress. We will also be on hand to provide additional support in terms of mental health and to ease any anxieties which may have arisen during this time. We have amended our Character and Culture programme for at least the first half term to support the transition back to full-time school and we will address some of the different experiences our students may have faced in the last few months. We will also ensure there is additional wellbeing support for students who identify that they need this help.

Please prepare your sons and daughters to return in September 2020 as follows:

Year 7

- Thursday 3rd September and Friday 4th September will be two days of induction, a separate letter to be sent to all Year 7 parents.
- Monday 7th September: Students will not attend school and Home Learning will be set on Google Classroom
- Tuesday 8th September: Autumn Term timetable begins – students will need to attend school in full school uniform.



Years 8, 9 and 10

- Thursday 3rd, Friday 4th and Monday 7th September: Progress and Welfare meetings:

During this summer term, we have found that the current Year 10 students have benefited greatly from having an individual one to one Progress and Welfare meeting. It has provided an opportunity for students to have some face to face academic motivation, provide a chance to address any anxieties, discuss changes to the school day and any welfare issues that may have arisen during this time. Therefore, we would like to continue with this model for the identified year groups who have not attended the school site since March to support a seamless reintegration to school life. However, I am also aware that many of our students have embraced this period as an opportunity to extend their independent skills, have made great progress and will have a lot to celebrate on our return. These Progress and Welfare meetings will be with the Year Group Team at a pre-booked time in the Sports Hall. Exact details of these progress and welfare meetings will follow in further correspondence which will include your child's individual appointment time.

- Tuesday 8th September 2020: Autumn term timetable begins - students will need to attend school in full school uniform.

Year 11

- Monday 7th September: Students will attend an induction session. A separate letter will be sent to all Year 11 Parents.
- Tuesday 8th September: Autumn Term timetable begins - students will need to attend school in full school uniform.

Year 12

- Monday 7th September: Induction to life in the Sixth Form, a separate letter will be sent to all Year 12 parents and students.
- Tuesday 8th September: Autumn term timetable begins; students must wear appropriate dress code to the courses you are studying

Year 13

- Thursday 3rd, Friday 4th September: Induction and lessons for all subjects. A separate letter will be sent to all Year 13 parents and students.
- Monday 7th September - Students will study at home and prepare for their PPEs
- Tuesday 8th September - PPEs commence.

Yours sincerely



Sharon Jenner
Headteacher