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Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you all for your continued support over what has been a truly extra-ordinary year. I congratulate you all on navigating your way through all the guidelines, lockdown, safer distancing and for many of you, home schooling responsibilities. We have all worked hard to make this crisis as manageable as possible for the young people in our care and will strive to make the world as normal as possible for them as we work our way towards September.

We have had an exceptionally busy time since March. We have delivered over 500 free school meals; made nearly 600 welfare visits; spent hours on the phone and internet talking with families and the boys; completed 48 Annual Reviews; celebrated the last days of school for our leavers in year 11 and supported many students in school and out of school. The staff have worked tirelessly to ensure there is work available at the right level for all and to be a listening ear when support has been needed.

It is now time for us all to take a break, recharge batteries and responsibly enjoy some of the freedoms we have all been allowed over the summer. We have undertaken many different risk assessments and plans as we look to future opening in September. We have had to make some changes to the running of the school day, including 2 lunch sittings instead of 1, split breaks and staggered arrival and departure times in order to make the school as safe as we can for a full return in September.

At the moment our plans are being considered by county and will not be signed off until August; therefore, we will communicate with you again before the start of term so as you are fully informed of plans and timings. Meanwhile, tutors will speak to individual students so that they are aware of what group they are in and any other changes, particularly for those changing keystone.

In order to facilitate a safe return and for the school to prepare both for individual students and year groups, there will be a phased return to school. The first 2 days of term 3rd/4th September will be INSET days for staff only.

Monday 7th Sept / Tuesday 8th Sept NEW students only
Wednesday 9th Sept – yrs 5/6/7 return
Thursday 10th Sept – yrs 8/9 return
Friday 11th Sept – yrs 10/11 return

Again, tutors will contact you and your son from 3rd September to ensure you are all appraised of the arrangements. These of course may well change over the summer for whatever reason, led by the County Council or the Government and it will be important to update you. So please look out for a letter or message on the school App.

The start and finish times for students have been adjusted so as there is a 20min gap to ensure we can retain some distancing. This will mean a slight change in taxi times – we will notify you of these as and when this has been organised by County Transport. Please bear with us in the meantime as I am sure you are aware, the changes involve complicated logistics.

Meanwhile, can I thank you again for your kind messages of support; congratulate you on all the tremendous work you have done at home and also encourage you to look at our website where you can see (and hear!) some of the successes the boys have had, both at home and in school.

May I wish you a restful and happy summer, weather permitting! – and look forward to welcoming the boys back in September. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school via the switchboard, the school is open over some of the holiday for maintenance and the switchboard messages are monitored, we will try to get back to you as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely



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