

12th July 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Once again I would like to thank you all for your tremendous support during these challenging times. Despite restrictions continuing it is very good to have some extracurricular activities back up and running and mini sports day events that have taken place in year group bubbles the students have really enjoyed.

Key dates for the remainder of the year

- The last day of term is Friday 16th July. The School will operate a compact day and close at 1pm.
- 9th August – 13th August 2021 Year 6 and 7 Summer School and Year 11/13 results week and Year 12 enrolment.

Lateral Flow Testing - This does not have to be continued over the summer.

September 2021 Start of Term - The government have announced significant changes to the running of schools for September. Unfortunately the government are yet to release the detailed guidance on this to schools. As ever, we expect these plans to change continuously until we return in September but I am writing a more detailed letter to each parent outlining these changes and their implications. This will be posted to you during this week. This will specifically state the time your child is expected to come into school to be tested for Covid prior to their start. This will be very similar to what occurred in March, except due to the excellent timekeeping from all of you and the students being exceptionally cooperative then, we believe we can do this quicker. Therefore I have not changed the already published return dates themselves but students should come into school the day before to be tested. One further test will be conducted in school and then it will be the return of twice weekly home testing until the end of September when the government say they will review this.

On the back of this letter are the term dates for next year. I will post a more detailed version and this will also be available on the website.

I am exceptionally keen on our traditional September Progress Day to go ahead, where we invite all parents into school to meet with the tutor to examine the academic performance of their child from the last academic year. Similar to remote learning never being able to replace the quality of being in the classroom I believe face to face parent meetings are vital. We are also planning full early parents' evenings for students currently in Year 7 and 8 where parents have never been in the school before to meet with subject teachers. We are also planning an activities day in September, similar to that in 2019 to relaunch trips. However, the situation in September at this time is hard to predict so let's all hope everything can be up and running with school much more like what it should be!

Current Covid - After a difficult ½ term holiday the number of cases in the school has been small and (at the time of writing this letter) we have no bubbles currently isolating. Since March 2021 there has also only been one confirmed case amongst the staff. Given we have been wearing face mask since ½ term I believe this has really helped to control transmission. From 19th July facemasks become personal choice. Unless anything changes, or Public Health England advise this will also be the case in school when we return. However, I would encourage all students and staff to continue doing this in September should they wish to.

Yours sincerely



Mr Lawrence Smith
Headteacher

Term Dates 2021 – 2022

Autumn Term	Wednesday 1 st September 2021	Staff ONLY Day - INSET
	Thursday 2 nd September 2021	Staff ONLY Day - INSET
	Friday 3 rd September 2021	Staff ONLY Day - INSET
	Monday 6 th September 2021	First Day of Term for Students in Year 7 only 8.35 for 8.40am start. TESTING OF YEAR 10 and 11 STUDENTS
	Tuesday 7 th September 2021	Year 7 - 8.35 for 8.40am start. Year 10 and 11 First Day of Term 8.35 for 8.40am start. TESTING OF YEAR 8 and 9 STUDENTS
	Wednesday 8 th September 2021	Year 8 and 9 First Day of Term 8.35 for 8.40am start. TESTING OF YEAR 12 and 13 STUDENTS
	Thursday 9 th September 2021	Year 12 and 13 First Day of Term 8.35 for 8.40am start.
	Wednesday 29 th September 2021	Delayed start to school day due to Open Evening previous night – School starts at 9.30am
	Friday 22 nd October 2021	Last day of Half Term – 3.10pm Finish
	Monday 25 th October to Friday 29 th October 2021	Half Term Holiday
	Monday 1 st November 2021	All students attend school at 8.35 for 8.40am start.
	Friday 17 th December 2021	Last Day of Term. School will operate a compact day finishing at 1pm.
	Monday 20 th December 2021 to Monday 3 rd January 2022	Christmas Holiday
Spring Term	Tuesday 4 th January 2022	First Day of Term. All students attend school at 8.35 for 8.40am start.
	Friday 18 th February 2022	Last day of Half Term – 3.10pm Finish
	Monday 21 st to Friday 25 th February 2022	Half Term Holiday
	Monday 28 th February 2022	All students attend school at 8.35 for 8.40am start.
	Friday 8 th April 2022	Last Day of Term. School will operate a compact day finishing at 1pm.
Monday 11 th April to Friday 22 nd April 2022	Easter Holiday	
Summer Term	Monday 25 th April 2022	All students attend school at 8.35 for 8.40am start.
	Monday 2 nd May 2022	School Closed for May Bank Holiday
	Friday 27 th May 2022	Last day of Half Term – 3.10pm Finish
	Monday 30 th May to Friday 3 rd June 2022	Half Term Holiday
	Monday 6 th June 2022	All students attend school at 8.35 for 8.40am start.
	Tuesday 19 th July 2022 -	Last Day of Term for students. School will operate a compact day finishing at 1pm.
	Wednesday 20 th July 2022	Staff ONLY Day - INSET
	Thursday 21 st July 2022	Staff ONLY Day - INSET