

Executive Principal: Mrs Ruth Holden, MA, NPQH

Friday 12th June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers and Students

I hope you are continuing to be well and safe and managing the current situation as best you can.

An enormous well done to you!

We are at the end almost of thirteen full weeks since schools closed and the country went into lockdown. I just wanted to say a huge well done and thanks to you all, but especially to parents; you have protected, nourished, educated, supported and entertained your children during a period of national and international uncertainty and fear. You are amazing! You have achieved something parents have never had to before; no parks, holidays to break up the boredom, no day trips, sometimes no family to help. On top of that you have juggled loneliness on a level never experienced before, information overload from the internet and emotional turmoil of not being able to see people you hold dear. Even getting food to eat has been a major drama! In short: you are amazing and so are your children and we will all remember how we acted during this time and what we achieved.

Black Lives Matter / Equality for All

Like you, staff at the school have been shocked and dismayed by the events that have happened in America, we are keen to give the students an opportunity to discuss the issues that have been brought to the foreground. Departments and House groups have been putting together resources and sending them out via Google classroom around these issues and revisiting our curriculum to give opportunity for this.

It is the role of schools, alongside parents, to always be pivotal in educating young people in strong values of tolerance, unity, fairness and equality. We believe we do this, but want to continue to do this even better as we move forward. Ms Miller, Ms Boyer and our Pastoral teams at the school are also reviewing our whole school assembly and PSHCE programme in terms of how we promote the positives in our society and how to make change where there is change needed.

Easedown and partial opening

As I said in my last letter to you - schools are being asked to begin to open as part of the Government's easing of lockdown restrictions and to do so safely and in line with public health safety guidance. As I said in my previous letters, it is important that we manage expectations and I am clear that we are supplementing home learning and will not be operating anything like a full timetable with limited staffing, and whilst ensuring social distancing can happen. The school will not be providing PPE, but if students wish to wear PPE they may.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff who have volunteered to come into the school to help run these sessions for students in rather challenging circumstances and unprecedented times.

Next week beginning Monday 15th June 2020

Year 10 students - please wear PE kit and bring your own water to drink

Monday 15th June - if your surname begins with the letters A-J - please arrive at the front entrance of the school for **9am** where you will be asked to be in marked social distancing lines, to sanitize your hands and invited to attend a one to one interview with a member of staff to discuss your curriculum, work completed and welfare so far over the weeks that you have been home learning. This interview will take approximately 20 minutes and after that, you will sanitize your hands and then follow the safety signage and leave through the back gate of the school.

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Year 12 students - please wear your own clothes and bring your own water to drink

Tuesday 16th June – if your surname begins with the letters A-L - please arrive at the front entrance of the school for **9am** where you will be asked to be in marked social distancing lines, to sanitize your hands and invited to attend a one to one interview with a member of staff to discuss your curriculum, work completed and welfare so far over the weeks that you have been home learning.

This interview will take approximately 20 minutes and after that you will sanitize your hands and then follow the safety signage and leave through the back gate of the school.

Tuesday 16th June – if your surname begins with the letters M-Z - please arrive at the front entrance of the school for **10.30am** where you will be asked to be in marked social distancing lines, to sanitize your hands and invited to attend a one to one interview with a member of staff to discuss your curriculum, work completed and welfare so far over the weeks that you have been home learning. This interview will take approximately 20 minutes and after that you will sanitize your hands and then follow the safety signage and leave through the back gate of the school.

The following week beginning 22nd June 2020

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Monday 22nd June - if your surname begins with the letters A-J – please arrive at the front entrance of the school for **9am** where you will be asked to be in marked social distancing lines, to sanitize your hands and invited to attend a two hour learning session facilitated by a member of staff in a class size of no more than 12 students. The session will be from 9-11am, after which you will sanitize your hands, leave the classroom and be able to take a hot or cold lunch box and leave through the back entrance of the school, or eat your lunch in the ‘street’ area and then follow the safety signage and leave by the back gate of the school by 11.30am. You will need to bring with you your own equipment for the session – so pen / paper or books and the toilet facilities will be in use for emergencies only. The learning for this day will be in the subject of GCSE English.

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Thursday 25th June - if your surname begins with the letters M-Z – please arrive at the front entrance of the school for **9am** where you will be asked to be in marked social distancing lines, sanitize your hands and invited to attend a two hour learning session facilitated by a member of staff in a class size of no more than 12 students. The session will be from 9-11am, after which you will sanitize your hands, leave the classroom and be able to take a hot or cold lunch box and leave through the back entrance of the school, or eat your lunch in the 'street' area and then follow the safety signage and leave by the back gate of the school by 11.30am. You will need to bring with you your own equipment for the session – so pen / paper or books and the toilet facilities will be in use for emergencies only. The learning for this day will be on the subjects you are doing for BTEC and A level.

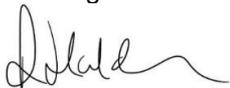
Following these two weeks, the school will review procedures and take account of any further directive from the Government.

If you, or a family member you live with are displaying any symptoms of a continuous cough, high temperature, loss of change to sense of smell or taste then please stay at home and inform your Head of Year or a member of the Senior team.

Please continue to check our website for updates and news.

Stay alert and stay safe and have a good weekend.

Kind regards



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