

Executive Principal: Mrs Ruth Holden, MA, NPQH

Friday 19th 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.

It was absolutely lovely to see students back in the school this week – Year 10 and 12 students had been invited in for a face to face interview with members of staff – to talk about their experience of lockdown and to see how students are progressing academically with remote learning. Students fed back to us that they enjoyed being in as well and you can see some of the images and photos from those days on our twitter feed @MulberryAS

We are preparing, now that it is June, to welcome our Year 6 students and their parents into the school and I thought that I would share with you the video that the school has put together as part of that welcome. Please see the link here <https://vimeo.com/429543072>

It was great to see in the news the positive power of footballers - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-53065806> - sometimes when high profile individuals get involved in supporting schools it can sometimes work as it did with Summer free school meals; well done to Marcus Rashford and thank you from us.

Please note that on Monday 22nd June at 3pm there will be a House and Year group Sports Quiz - this should be really good fun – please join us - details are on the attachment to this letter and here is the link to access the Quiz on Monday. <https://youtu.be/sOxDu1iRqFM>

As you know, 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 22nd June 2020

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

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, 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.

Tuesday 23rd June - if your surname begins with the letters **K-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

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

Wednesday 24th 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, 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 purpose of the session on this day will be for you to be offered some face-to-face support to supplement remote education for you're a levels and BTEC.

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 purpose of the session on this day will be for you to be offered some face-to-face support to supplement remote education for you're a levels and BTEC.

Further opening under ease down – advanced notice for the week beginning Monday 29th June

As I said in my previous letter following these two weeks the school will review procedures and take account of any further directive from the Government. The Government has said that it encourages schools to meet with students in all Year groups for a face to face meeting and we are therefore offering a similar scenario to this week to students in Year groups in Years 7, 8 and 9.

- **Year 7 students on Monday 29th June**
- **Year 8 students on Tuesday 30th June**
- **Year 9 students on Wednesday 1st July**

Year 7 students - please wear PE kit or school uniform and bring your own water to drink

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Year 8 students - please wear PE kit or school uniform and bring your own water to drink

Tuesday 30th June - if your surname begins with the letters **A-J** - please arrive at the front entrance of the school for 9.30am where you will be asked to be in marked social distancing lines, 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 9 students - please wear PE kit or school uniform and bring your own water to drink

Wednesday 1st July - if your surname begins with the letters **A-J** - please arrive at the front entrance of the school for 9.30am where you will be asked to be in marked social distancing lines, 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.

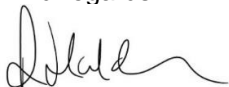
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If you, or a family member you live with are displaying any symptoms of a continuous cough, high temperature, loss of change to sense of smell or taste then please stay at home and inform your Head of Year or a member of the Senior team.

Please continue to check our website for updates and news. We continue to set online learning for all students in all year groups and this is our priority.

Stay alert and stay safe and have a good weekend.

Kind regards



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