

10th July 2020

Dear Parent/Carers,

Update:

We are now approaching the end of what has been the most extraordinary two terms in my teaching experience. We have maintained our focus on student wellbeing and student learning throughout this time. As we plan for school in September this will remain our focus.

School closes for the summer at **1.00pm on Friday 17th July**. We will then be **closed to all students until the beginning of September**. The start of term will look like this:

- Tuesday 1st September: Staff Inset – no school for students
- Wednesday 2nd September: Staff Inset – no school for students
- Thursday 3rd September: School for Year 7, 10 and 12
- Friday 4th September: School for all year groups (Year 7-12)

September Opening:

Further to my note in last week's Parent Bulletin, we are putting in place plans for all students to be back in September. We are working on the principle of "safest school with minimal change". There will be some differences and the plans will be issued to you as soon as we have worked out the detail.

Before then, can I ask that you talk to your child about what they will need for the start of next year, in particular the need for a suitable bag or rucksack to carry work, school books and equipment. We are going to be asking students to have **greater responsibility for their books and equipment**.

Letters:

- Please look out for a **letter to Year 11 students** outlining the **procedures for GCSE results** this summer.
- Please look out for a **letter to Year 10 students** about the **Citizenship GCSE** next year.

Summer Learning for KS 3 and KS 4 students:

Over the summer there will be no expectation that students should complete school work. After such a challenging year it is important for your child to relax and recharge in preparation for September, as it is for staff. However, some students might be thinking that they could have worked harder throughout the period of lockdown. If your child feels this way then our advice is to look on Class Charts (MS Teams for Y10 students) and return to the learning which has been set over the course of the lockdown. Your child should go back and review the work from Monday 20th April and work through the lessons in order. Please be aware that some departments may place guidance information, or optional project work, on Class Charts throughout next week for the Summer period but it is not an expectation to complete this.

September Learning Checks:

In September, and throughout Term 1, we will be checking the learning of students covered both before and during the lockdown period. The intention of these learning checks is to understand where knowledge and understanding is sound and where there are gaps in knowledge. The most important reason for this is to inform our onward planning for teaching. Please speak with your

child about these upcoming learning checks so they do not come as a surprise. Your child does not need to do copious amounts of revision as long as they have been working on the set work throughout. The learning checks are scheduled as followed and will take place in classrooms.

Y12: week beginning 14th September 2020

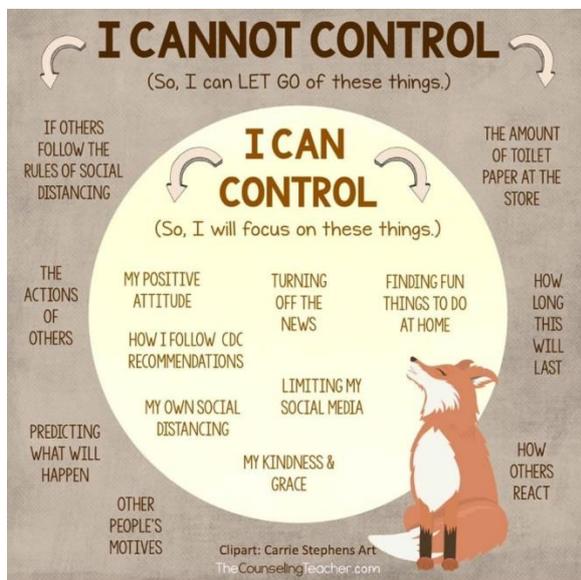
Y11 and Y10: week beginning 21st September 2020

Y9 and Y8: week beginning 28th September 2020

Y7: Baseline assessments throughout the term – *there is no preparation required for these.*

Student Wellbeing:

Over the last week we have seen some easing of the restrictions in England which allows some greater freedom. We also know that there are still provisions for our safety which can be easy to forget when it feels like there might be an end in sight. Our children might find this idea frustrating so the picture below might be helpful:



Finally, can I take this chance to thank you once again for all of your support for the students and staff at The Wren School. We are well placed to make 2020/21 a stellar year and I know that Mr John Salberg is looking forward to joining the TWS team in September.

Kind regards,

Mr S Duffy
Interim Principal