

17th July 2020

Dear Parent/Carers,

Update:

Reminder that the start of term for the new academic year 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:

As you are aware, there will be some changes to the way school looks and feels come September as we work to ensure that the school is as safe as it can be. In addition, we are moving to **five X 60 minute lessons** (from six X 50 minute lessons) and also moving to a **two week timetable**. These changes are happening so that we can maximise learning time and have a timetable that works for a larger school (we have Year 12 students joining us for the first time in September)

Clarification of some expectations of our students from September:

- Students will need to have sturdy bags or rucksacks to carry their work and belongings
- All students will be required to bring a reading book with them each day. There is guidance on recommended books with this Bulletin. The school library will also be able to issue books.
- Students will have breaks and lunches at different times. As always, having some breakfast is really important in getting students ready to learn at the start of the day.

Summer Learning for KS 3 and KS 4 students:

Reminder that there is no expectation that students should complete school work over the summer. If your child would like to revise work covered or catch up work, then it can be found on Class Charts (MS Teams for Y10 students).

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.*

Y11 Students and EtonX:

Please make your child aware that the EtonX offer of a CV Writing course ends on **Friday 31st July**. All students who have begun this course, which is 20% of the year group, will need to complete this before the deadline. All required information was on a letter dated 24th April 2020 to Y11 parents/carers.

Art department

The Art Department have been really impressed with the Lockdown Art project work that has been completed so far. The pieces have shown great imagination and creativity. If you haven't sent yours yet, it's not too late to get involved, send your work to Mrs Coleman.

If you have your work at home please keep it safe and bring to the Art department during the first week back.



Saffron



Abeer



Anya

Wellbeing

COPING CALENDAR: KEEP CALM. STAY WISE. BE KIND

30 actions to look after ourselves and each other as we face this global crisis together. Please use & share

- 1 Make a plan to help you keep calm and stay in contact
- 2 Enjoy washing your hands. Remember all they do for you!
- 3 Write down ten things you feel grateful for in life and why
- 4 Stay hydrated, eat healthy food and boost your immune system
- 5 Get active. Even if you're stuck indoors, move & stretch
- 6 Contact a neighbour or friend and offer to help them
- 7 Share what you are feeling and be willing to ask for help
- 8 Take five minutes to sit still and breathe. Repeat regularly
- 9 Call a loved one to catch up and really listen to them
- 10 Get good sleep. No screens before bed or when waking up
- 11 Notice five things that are beautiful in the world around you
- 12 Immerse yourself in a new book, TV show or podcast
- 13 Respond positively to everyone you interact with
- 14 Play a game that you enjoyed when you were younger
- 15 Make some progress on a project that matters to you
- 16 Rediscover your favourite music that really lifts your spirits
- 17 Learn something new or do something creative
- 18 Find a fun way to do an extra 15 minutes of physical activity
- 19 Do three acts of kindness to help others, however small
- 20 Make time for self-care. Do something kind for yourself
- 21 Send a letter or message to someone you can't be with
- 22 Find positive stories in the news and share these with others
- 23 Have a tech-free day. Stop scrolling and turn off the news
- 24 Put your worries into perspective and try to let them go
- 25 Look for the good in others and notice their strengths
- 26 Take a small step towards an important goal
- 27 Thank three people you're grateful to and tell them why
- 28 Make a plan to meet up with others again later in the year
- 29 Connect with nature. Breathe and notice life continuing
- 30 Remember that all feelings and situations pass in time

“Everything can be taken from us but one thing: the freedom to choose our attitude in any given set of circumstances” ~ Viktor Frankl

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Wishing you a happy and restful holiday. Keep setting positive targets for yourselves and we look forward to seeing you all in September.

Farewell and welcome

We are sad to say farewell to a handful of staff at the end of this term; we wish them all well in their future career.

Mr Beer, Mrs Breidenstein, Mr Breidenstein, Mrs Carter, Mr Donnellan, Mr Kartsounis, Mr Khetia, Miss Lloyd, Mrs Milicevic, Mrs Rider, Miss Sauvage, Mrs Shaw, Mrs Shore and we wish Mr Wellington a very happy retirement.

We are pleased to announce we have made some fantastic new appointments, not only for teachers but also support staff. Each and everyone of the new members of staff bring a wealth of knowledge and experience, we are looking forward to them joining us in September.

Principal, Mr Salberg

Subject Leader of Performance, Mrs Oakman

Subject Leader of Psychology, Mrs Hardy

Subject Leader of Religious Studies, Miss Mazhar

Teachers of English, Miss Aziz, Miss Good & Mrs Singh

Teachers of Maths, Mr Ahmed & Mrs Cruse

Teachers of Science, Mr Chattock & Mrs Mehdi

Teacher of Computing, Mr Saini

Teacher of Humanities, Mr Collins

Teacher of MFL, Mr Lee,

Examinations Officer, Mrs Chant

Pastoral Support Workers, Mrs Heath (KS3) & Mrs Schoner (KS4)

Teaching Assistants, Miss Churchill & Miss Malcolm

Finally, as this is the last parent Bulletin of this year, can I once again thank you for the welcome and support you have given me and can I wish you all a safe and happy summer.

Kind regards,

Mr S Duffy

Interim Principal