



16th July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

We have now reached the end of what has been one of the most interesting academic years we have all ever witnessed. Reflecting on the past several months, I am incredibly proud of what our students and staff have all accomplished. These times have tested us all but I am in awe of the resilience and positivity shown by both the school and the wider local community. Students and families have set up Foodbank collection points, volunteered to shop for those shielding, walked dogs, and done all they can to support those who needed help. This epitomises the importance of kindness I talked to all students about prior to lockdown. In addition, students have continued with their studies online, getting to grips with a new way of working and learning new technology skills!

Students who would have been taking exams this summer have impressed us all with their positivity and parents of Year 10 – 14 students should now have received a letter detailing the exam results days. We look forward to seeing our Year 11's for their Sixth Form interviews in August. Please do remember to book an appointment!

I trust you have all had the opportunity to read and engage with our plans for return in September. As recommended within the government guidelines, I would encourage parents driving to school to consider dropping students a little further away from the school gates if possible, to ease congestion. This may also assist those concerned about arriving early and gives students some fresh air and valuable exercise first thing in the morning! A reminder that students will be expected to wear full school uniform (apart from on the days when they have PE) and as the government has stated that school attendance will be mandatory for students from the beginning of the autumn term, the usual rules on school attendance will apply.

Sadly, we say goodbye to some staff this year who are all moving on to pastures new: Ms MacGregor-Stubbs, Ms Spence, Ms LaRocque, Ms Awolola-McNab, Mrs Wick, Mrs Luurtsema and Ms Osborne-Lewis. Mrs Gardner is also retiring after 15 years of service to the school. We wish them all well on their new endeavours and thank them all for their hard work at Cox Green.

I am delighted to introduce a number of new staff joining the team from September: Ms Bromley (Geography), Mr Dean, Ms Ramsey and Ms Foley (English), Mr Sparavalo (MFL), Mr Risdon (Maths), Ms Yates (Science). Ms Bentham joins us as Head of Year 9 and many of you will remember Ms Killick who returns to the Music department. We welcome Ms Hannah Thompson as our new Information, Advice and Guidance Officer who will be working alongside Mrs McKay until her departure in October. A number of new staff have already started at the school, Mr Chinyangarara (Technology), Mr Green (History) Ms Pestana (Science), Mr Hirst (Geography) and Miss Dance (Progress Assistant).

In addition, we have a number of new members to the Senior Leadership Team, Ms Rebekah Brumby and Ms Deborah Kemp join us as Assistant Headteachers, and Mr Graham Pightling joins as Associate Senior Leader RS & Philosophy.

We have two other exciting announcements, Mr Danny Edwards has taken on the role as Associate Headteacher and Mr Aston has made a move from the SAFE team into a teaching position. We are delighted for them both.

At the end of each school year we normally would hold a "whole school" assembly. This year that is not possible so we have decided to create a short video instead. I ask that you please share this with your children. Huge thanks to all staff for participating, and to Ms Stockwell for creating it!

We are looking forward to seeing everyone so much when we return in September.

Wishing you all a great summer break.

Yours sincerely

Cathrin Thomas
Headteacher (Acting)

Important Dates for Your Diary:

Date	Year Group In School	Time to Arrive on Site	Entrance to be Used	Time to Exit Site	Exit to be Used
Wednesday 2 nd Sept	Year 7	11.45am	Theatre	3.15pm	Theatre
Thursday 3 rd Sept	Year 7	8.45am	Main Gate	3.15pm	Main Gate
	Year 12	11.45am	Main Gate	3.05pm	Main Gate
Friday 4 th Sept	Year 7	8.45am	Main Gate	3.15pm	Main Gate
	Year 12	8.45am	Side Gate (by PE)	3.05pm	Side Gate (by PE)
	Year 11	11.45am	Main Gate	3.15pm	Side Gate (by PE)
Monday 7 th Sept	Year 10	8.45am	Theatre	3.05pm	Main Gate
	Year 11	8.45am	Side Gate (PE)	3.15pm	Main Gate
	Year 12	8.45am	Top Gate (by Science)	3.15pm	Top Gate (by Science)
	Year 7	8.45am	Main Gate	2.55pm	Main Gate
	Year 9	10.15am	Theatre	3.05pm	Side Gate (by PE)
	Year 8	11.45am	Theatre	2.45pm	Main Gate
	Year 13/14	1.15pm	Theatre	3.15pm	Top Gate (by Science)

A reminder, **From Tuesday 8th September**, the whole school will be following this timetable below **until further notice**:

Year Group	Start Time	Entrance Via	End Time	Exit Via
7	8.45am	Main Gate	2.55pm	Main Gate
8	8.45am	Side Gate by PE	2.55pm	Side Gate by PE
9	8.55am	Main Gate	3.05pm	Main Gate
10	8.55am	Side Gate by PE	3.05pm	Side Gate by PE
11	9.05am	Main Gate	3.15pm	Main Gate
12/13/14	9.05am	Side Gate by PE	3.15pm	Side Gate by PE

Thursday 22nd October 2020	Term 1 Ends
Friday 23rd October 2020	Professional Development Day
Monday 26th October 2020 - Friday 30th October 2020	October Holiday