



Friday 3rd July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome even more students from Years 7, 8 and 9 back onto school site for their 1:1 academic mentoring sessions. The experience for students and staff has been incredibly positive and been greatly appreciated by all. Year 12 parents who indicated that their child would like to attend on site learning have now had a letter detailing the arrangements scheduled for week commencing 13th July and we are thrilled that once again, so many are committed to joining us for the last week of term.

As you may have heard, the Government has shared their expectations for school reopening in September 2020. This link will take you to the paper: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools> The school is considering all the requirements and implications, and the operational plan will of course, be shared with parents before the end of term. A reminder that the term dates and Professional Development days for 2020-21 are on our school website.

Ofqual have also released a consultation with regard to the proposed changes for 20/21 public examinations. I would encourage parents/carers to respond to this.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/897137/Consultation_on_proposed_changes_to_the_assessment_of_GCSEs_AS_and_A_levels_in_2021_020620.pdf

I would like to finish off by sharing some good news: our Business Manager Gill Newman has secured an incredible £300K funding for the school through a successful Condition Improvement Fund (CIF) bid. This Government funding is allocated to successful applicants to ensure that school buildings are safe and in good working order and we are extremely grateful that her hard work will result in much need improvements to the school lighting.

I am delighted to share that our newsletter this week is a very special edition - it is dedicated to our Year 7 and Year 8 students who have received awards that we would normally be recognising at our Achievement Evening event. All award winners will receive a copy of the special edition newsletter and a certificate. Please do take the time to read all of the wonderful comments that have been written about our winners across the subject areas and congratulations to all who have been selected as prize winners.

With very best wishes for a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

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