

3<sup>rd</sup> July 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

On Thursday of this week we received the long awaited guidance from the Department for Education for the full reopening to all students in September. The press release from the Secretary of State for Education, Gavin Williamson can be found [here](#) and the full guidance document can be found [here](#).

In essence, the full document outlines the measures that schools are required to take in order to reopen safely in September. However, it will be up to each individual school to apply the guidance to their individual settings. In addition, there is confirmation that a full exam series will take place in the autumn involving all subjects for students who wish to 'resit' any of their GCSE or A-levels subjects and that there will be a full examination series in the summer of 2021 for students who are currently in Years 10 and 12 (plus any early entry or resit students) and that there will be a consultation taking place in relation to how those exams might be adjusted given the length of time that students have been out of school. I will write to parents and carers in more detail about the examinations series at an appropriate time.

Reopening to all students in September will be a huge undertaking; however, it is a challenge that we are fully committed to as we believe that returning to school will be hugely beneficial for all of our students. I am very much aware that there will remain some issues regarding shielding for some students and staff but we will be sympathetic and will work with students, their families and staff on an individual basis where necessary to ensure that they can return with confidence or, where appropriate, we continue to provide remote learning for those students who, under medical advice, are unable to attend. We appreciate that there will be children who will be anxious about returning to school in September and we are planning to bring a small number of students into school to reorientate them in August prior to the full reopening. If you feel that your child would benefit from this then please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Bashford-Hynes at [ehynes@vynersschool.org.uk](mailto:ehynes@vynersschool.org.uk).

I very much doubt that we will have finalised our plans for reopening by the end of this term. Therefore, we will be communicating with all families and staff towards the end of the summer break. I would ask at this point that you regularly check your email accounts alongside the school website for information from August onwards. As stated previously, there will be challenges ahead and we very much appreciate the continued support from our families as well as the wider community.

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### **Student Leadership**

A group of Year 13 students, including members of the Student Leadership Team and led by Head Girl, Laura White, have collaborated to create a fantastic subject resource booklet from a student viewpoint. They have given great examples of do's and don'ts, based on their own experiences, in addition to subject specific tips and examples of personal statements to help Year 12 students prepare successfully for each subject going into Year 13. All Year 12 students have access to this booklet via Google Classroom. We are enormously grateful to them for their time, effort and dedication in giving back to the school as fantastic ambassadors. Thank you to each and every one of them:

**Laura White** (Head Girl); **Luke Youens** (Head Boy)

**Ben Hooley, Isabella Janssen, Emma-Louise Jattan** (Deputy Head Students)

**Luke Mervyn, Stefan Mervyn, Simran Punn, Bhavyaa Ojha, Ben Clack, Ananya Jattla, Samuel Davis, Matthew Vecchione, Marcellus Harris, Niamh Brown, Vikram Talwaria, Ramandeep Bodwal, Jodie Thompson, Vivek Patel, Abigail Smith.**

### **Upcoming Activities**

This coming week, 6th - 9th July will be Co-curricular Week. Students should be looking out for announcements about a range of virtual activities including house competitions, leadership activities and physical challenges. It would be great if we could achieve a high level of participation. We were delighted with the level of attendance and engagement during the virtual tutor time this morning and are very much looking forward to next week's virtual meetings. We will also be running our end of year prize giving assemblies during the final week of term with letters and certificates going into the post and the assemblies being delivered virtually.

### **Year 6 Transition Day**

I would like to like to express my sincere appreciation to Mrs Foster, Mr Maheady and Mr Neville for their exceptional work in providing a range of high quality resources to support the virtual Year 6 transition day on Tuesday of this week. The resources, which include an excellent video can be accessed via the school website. The link can be found [here](#).

### **INSET Day - Friday 10th July**

Another reminder that next Friday will be our INSET day for all staff. This is an important time for us to come together given the planning that will be required for September reopening. Remote learning will be set for all timetabled lessons but staff will not be contactable. Year 12 lessons will happen on site as scheduled on that day.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Kind regards,



**Gary Mullings**  
**Headteacher**