

14<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

I wanted to give a brief update at the start of this week prior to sharing my end of term letter this coming Friday. Firstly, I would like to thank you for supporting our staff throughout this period and particularly for your support for our INSET day on Friday. Although the event was conducted remotely, the evaluations that were undertaken indicate that it was a highly productive day, which allowed for staff to work in teams to progress their plans for the Autumn Term.

With regard to the Autumn Term, I have drafted a letter / FAQs document that gives a basic outline of the measures that will be in place in September that will allow for a full reopening for all students. The letter is available via the school website. The link to the letter can be found [here](#). As the letter states, our detailed plans and updated risks assessment will be made available in mid-August, which should allow for families to make any final preparations for the return to school. I will publish arrangements for the start of term (timings, etc.) in my letter on Friday.

I would also like to thank all staff who organised activities for the online co-curricular week last week. Over 250 students engaged in the range of activities including the very popular cooking workshop led by Mr Sorrell and the Student Voice session led by Mr Kunig, which achieved 100% attendance by the student leadership body. I was also delighted to learn that several of the sessions have been repeated this week at the request of the students.

The increased attention to issues of equality and diversity in recent months since the tragic death of George Floyd has rightly brought a sharp focus on the activities of historical figures whose wealth and successes may well have been as a direct result of their involvement in the transatlantic slave trade. One such person that I have received several emails about is the school's namesake, Sir Robert Vyner.

Having considered the matter carefully, the Governing Body have taken the decision to publish a statement regarding Robert Vyner on the school website. The link to the statement can be found [here](#). I would stress the point that we would welcome meaningful comments about issues of equality and diversity so that we can continue to build a brighter future for our young people.

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Finally, I would like to remind everyone that our celebration assembly videos will be shared with all families in the next day or so. Prize winners for this year will receive badges and programmes in the post. I would like to congratulate all of our students who have continued to strive towards excellence this year, especially given the circumstances that we have all experienced over recent months.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gary Mullings', written in a cursive style.

**Gary Mullings**  
**Headteacher**