

18th September 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

Having experienced our first positive case for Covid-19 on Wednesday of last week, it did mean that the start to the new term was more demanding than we had anticipated. However, this week has been an excellent one as both our staff and students have worked productively and collaboratively to ensure that teaching and learning, alongside health and safety remains at the top of all of our agendas. I have also been delighted that our attendance figures have exceeded 96% during this period, which compares extremely favourably against the reported national figure of 88%.

I would like to thank all parents, carers and students for their support as we moved to mandatory face masks in corridors and communal areas on Wednesday of this week. I will admit that I was unsure about how the students would respond but I have been delighted with how they have approached this issue as well as how supportive they have been of each other.

The ongoing situation with regard to the pandemic has meant that we have had to think very carefully about our hosting of events at the school. This is usually a very busy time of year for such events; however, we have had to make significant changes to our plans.

As with most schools nationally, we will be sharing our prospectus and virtual Open Evening activities online this year. These will be posted on a dedicated page on our website during the week beginning 28th September. We have also had to postpone our annual Awards Evening, which will now take place in December.

Mrs Bashford-Hynes is currently coordinating Parent Information / Tutor Evening activities for this term. Letters will be distributed for each year group over the coming weeks. We are also taking advice regarding parental consultation evenings. I will update all parents and carers about the timings and format of these very important activities shortly.

With the students in Year 7 having settled so effectively I am hopeful that parents and carers will now feel confident to allow their child to walk or cycle to school. I appreciate that the initial desire to want to drop off or pick up children in close proximity to the school gates is a strong one. However, I would very much appreciate it if all parents and carers would now refrain from bringing cars into the local vicinity at these busy times. If you are forced to do so, please be courteous to local residents by not turning on or blocking driveways.

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Photographer - Wednesday 23rd September 2020 - Years 7 & 12 only

We have arranged for Tempest Photography to be in school on the above date to take an individual photograph of every student in Years 7 & 12. Students will be advised by their form tutor the allocated time for their form group and will be instructed on where to go for the photo. The day has been structured to ensure that the integrity of each bubble group is maintained. The photographer will maintain social distancing at all times.

All Year 7 students are unfortunately timetabled for a PE lesson during the day. This means that they will be coming to school in their PE kit. After careful consideration of the logistical challenges involved, we have made the decision to exceptionally take all photos with students in their PE kit. Students will be asked to remove any hoodies or blazers before the photograph is taken.

Year 12 students should attend school professionally attired, as per the Sixth Form Uniform Policy.

Have lovely weekend

Kind regards,

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

Gary Mullings
Headteacher