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TO ALL PARENTS/CARERS

Dear Parent/Carer

Weekly Update – 22 May 2020

There has been so much communication from us recently that I want to try to make this ‘end of half term’ letter to you brief. I appreciate with the changes for home learning as of week beginning 01 June 2020 there is lots of information for you to read in preparation. Thank you in anticipation of ensuring that you are aware and have read the guidance as we embark together on the next phase of home learning during ‘lockdown.’

It is strange writing at the end of an entire half term with our school open just as Key Worker School to children of our critical key workers. As we approach the end of week 9 of lockdown due to the global pandemic, the opportunity to reflect and consider the experiences that we have all had in such unusual times is one that this half term break naturally gives us.

I would like to take the opportunity to inform you of a few changes and key pieces of information that you need to be aware of going forward.

Heads of Year

Naturally at this point in the academic year our Heads of Year begin to ‘roll forward’ to consider either a new year group of pupils or their year group beginning to enter the next phase. I can confirm that our Heads of Year as at the week beginning the 01 June 2020 will be:

Current Year 7 Miss Robinson* (Class of 2024)

Current Year 8 Mr Townsend (Class of 2023)

Current Year 9 Mrs Newman* (Class of 2022)

Current Year 10 Mrs Seve (Class of 2021)

(* indicates a new Head of Year for the year group)

This will enable the Heads of Year and Year Teams to begin to get to know pupils if they are picking up a new year group in anticipation of the forthcoming academic year. It will also enable Miss Haynes and the Year 7 team to focus on transition for Year 6 pupils which will be predominantly if not entirely virtual this academic year.

Home Learning

Miss Matthews, Deputy Headteacher and Mrs Lawrence, Assistant Headteacher, have worked with SLT and Curriculum Leaders to develop full guidance for you which will be available by the end of this week. There is separate guidance and different expectations for Year 10 and Years 7,8,9. We appreciate that our families are all unique and will have contrasting experiences of lockdown. The overwhelming majority of feedback has been so very positive and we thank you for your understanding, patience and commitment in making home learning work whilst also focussing on the health, safety and well-being of your families as a whole. We hope the new approach will enable a greater sense of connectedness, structure, feedback and for our Year 10 pupils particularly, GCSE curriculum content.



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Government Guidance

At the time of writing, we still await the secondary specific guidance for schools from central Government regarding provision as of 01 June 2020. We have developed our plans despite not being in receipt of this based on a plethora of additional guidance published but also fundamentally underpinned by our primary concern around the health and safety of pupils, your families, staff and their families.

Thank you for your ongoing support which is very much appreciated. There is no expectation from us that any home learning is undertaken over half term although I know many of you will continue with tasks and activities that your children have found interesting!

Yours sincerely

Mrs G Harrison-Jones
Headteacher