



Traditional **Values**

Contemporary **Aspirations**

Creative **Curiosity**

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Dear Parent or Carer,

I hope that you and your family are well and continuing to stay safe. As this unusual academic year draws to a close, I wanted to give a brief update as I would normally at the end of term.

Firstly, I would like to thank and congratulate our pupils for the positive manner in which they have managed the switch to remote learning and working from home. I would also like to thank parents and carers for their help, understanding and support throughout this period. As a parent myself, I know that home learning, at times, has been a challenge. It has been a steep learning curve for us all. My thanks also go to the staff who have continually adapted their methods to ensure that resources, support and feedback have been available throughout this period, alongside developing the curriculum in preparation for the new school year. It is clear to see from the work submitted and from the telephone calls made by tutors and pastoral staff that most pupils have been working hard to keep on top of their studies and are prepared for the return to school in September.

Some information was sent out earlier in the week regarding plans for September and we will write to you again in late August, with full and very specific information on how the school will function when we return in September. We will continue our detailed planning throughout the summer period. I wouldn't want to give you specific detailed information at this stage only for things to potentially change by the end of the summer holidays. In the meantime, we would like to give you some crucial information regarding the first few days back to the new term.

If parents, carers or pupils have any specific questions or considerations for September, then please feel free to ask them by using this form link (below.) This will form part of an FAQ document that we will be producing.  
<https://forms.gle/fGtzLZPsdYUKZtAA>

Our new term begins on Tuesday 8th September, where we will have our new Year 7 pupils in only on that first day. Year 7 pupils will spend most of the day with their form tutor following a programme of induction before the other pupils come in the following day. On Wednesday 9th September, all year groups return to school for the new term where they will start by seeing their form tutor and then begin lessons from period 2.

There will be slightly modified routines for arrival and departure of pupils as you would expect, which will be fully detailed in the August communication with hopefully some videos to reinforce key messages.

I am aware that Mr Fenna has written to you this week about uniform for September and Miss Pearson about attendance. All letters can be found on our school website.

Finally, all that remains is for me to wish you and your family a very enjoyable summer break. We very much look forward to welcoming pupils back to school in September.

Best wishes,

Patrick Sprakes  
Headteacher