

Dear parent/carer

You will be aware that last week the Government released its updated guidance to schools in relation to the start of the Autumn Term. In short, as a result of the continued decline in the transmission rates of Covid-19, as well as growing evidence that it presents a lower risk in children and young people, the Government intend for all schools to return to open fully in September for everyone. We know that a return to full time education for all of our students is positive, not only for their academic progress but for their mental and social wellbeing.

I want to assure you that we have already begun our planning based on the guidance, and we will share our plans with you once we have completed them and conducted a full risk assessment. We are keen to welcome back all of our students and are working on arrangements for this, with the intention that all students access the full curriculum. We will do this in a way which ensures that all students and staff are kept as safe as possible. We believe that we are well placed to manage this full opening in September as we have already opened school to more students this term, and have robust routines in place to ensure high levels of cleaning, hand washing and respiratory hygiene ('Catch It, Bin It, Kill It'), as well as distancing on our sites to ensure students stay in defined groups (bubbles) and that mixing of students is limited.

The Government have released a summary of their guidance for parents and carers – this is available for you to read here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

I will write to you again before the end of term, to share our updated plans and the arrangements for the start of the Autumn Term. I will also write to you during the summer holidays, as the Government has indicated that further guidance for the re-opening of schools will be published on or around 11th August. In the meantime, I can confirm the following dates for you:

- Last day of summer term: Thursday 16 July
- A Level results day: Thursday 13 August
- GCSE results date: Thursday 20 August
- Staff Training Day: Tuesday 1 September
- Year 7 and Year 12 Induction Day: Wednesday 2 September
- All other students (Years 8-11 and Year 13) back in school: Thursday 3 September

Please make a note of these and look out for further information in the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely



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