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16th April 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you all managed to have a good Easter and enjoyed the sunshine! It has been great to have all the students back; and again, they have impressed us with how well they have settled in.

Our current safety protocols will remain in place until 17th May when they will be reviewed again, including the wearing of masks in class. On a positive note, the students continue to adhere to all safety precautions and we have not had a positive case over Easter or this week. Your son or daughter will have received more home test kits this week, if you could please ensure they continue to self-test every Wednesday and Sunday. If the lateral flow test is positive, please contact the school and ensure a PCR test is taken immediately at a test site. If the PCR test is negative your son or daughter may return to school. Fingers crossed there are no more positive cases; thank you for your support with this.

Year 11 & Year 13

Year 11 and Year 13 lessons, and their formal timetable, will end on **Friday 28th May** due to the school requiring to submit grades by **18th June 2021**. This process requires considerable staff resources and if any work was completed after the May half term it would not contribute towards student grades.

Year 11

However, even though lessons and mini-assessments will finish by 28th May, the school will provide **optional** valuable activities for students to engage in to help them prepare for the next stage of their education. This will mean that students will not need to attend full-time at school but will opt to attend some or all of the valuable activities. The activities have not been finalised yet but will include **6th form induction programme (compulsory for all students wishing to attend 6th form in September)**, visits or speakers from external providers, careers and destination/next steps support, independent study or remote provision combined with attendance in person.

We also realise students have missed out on several experiences at school during these unprecedented times and we are planning to provide a sports/enrichment carousel day and an official leavers celebration during school on **Friday 18th June**. The aim of the two week programme is to maximise opportunities that meet the progression needs of students. Further details will follow shortly.

Year 13

However, even though lessons and assessments will finish by 28th May, the school will provide **optional** valuable activities for students to engage in to help them prepare for the next stage of their education, receive further advice if required, learn particular skills and an opportunity to simply wind down. This will mean that students will not need to attend full-time at school but will have the opportunity to opt in to attend some or all of the activities. The activities have not been finalised yet and we will also be discussing this with the Student Leadership team.

We also realise students have missed out on a number of experiences at school during these unprecedented times and we are planning to provide an official leavers celebration during school on **Thursday 17th June**. The two week programme aims to maximise opportunities that meet the progression needs of students. Further details will follow shortly.

For all other year groups, we are planning a recovery and transition programme for this final term. This will include a blend of academic education, enrichment and extra-curricular activities during session 6 at the end of the school day. More details will follow shortly for each year group, but as of next week, homework clubs will resume for all year groups, as will KS3 session 6 for numeracy and literacy. PE extra-curricular clubs will commence for all year groups from 26th April.

Finally, our new parent and student information and communication system Edulink will be rolled out to Year 8 and Year 12 next week. The intention is that it will be available to all parents/carers by the end of term. The new system will provide important information from the school and we intend to use this platform for future parent evenings. The Edulink app can be used using IOS or Android mobile devices but also can be accessed through the school website.

The summer term is always the best term in the school calendar and we are excited at the prospect of moving out of lockdown restrictions over the coming months and returning to some form of normality at school. Once again thank you for your support and, of course, more details will follow over the coming weeks regarding the plans I have outlined above.

Kind regards,

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

Mr Stuart Glover
Acting Headteacher