

20 April 2020

Dear Parents,

### Year 9 Summer Term Plans

I hope you have all had a wonderful Easter, albeit in unique circumstances. Thank you for the huge amount of positive and constructive feedback we received before the Easter break, it was really appreciated. We are immensely proud of how the school community has come together during this challenging time. With such challenges, opportunities can also arise. This current situation has allowed us the chance to review our usual plans for the summer term. We feel there is an opportunity to think outside the box and to be creative in our curriculum delivery. With this in mind **after half term students will continue to study only the ten subjects they will be taking at GCSE.** We hope this will give the students focus and help to build their knowledge and skills for GCSE. We are also intending to provide three Creativity Weeks for our pupils during this coming term. The timetable below outlines the plan.

- **Inspiration Week (w/c 4<sup>th</sup> May).** During this week your son will follow a different timetable. He will have 3 (4 on some days) subjects a day. Each subject will provide a stimulus linked to their subject with the aim of inspiring your sons and fuelling a passion for the subject. There will be some small tasks but no more than an hour per subject. During the extra time gained, we want the boys to do their best to learn a new skill (juggling, cooking, guitar playing etc). This new skill will be shared with their Form Tutor. We hope this will afford a week of reduced screen time but also a chance to be inspired.
- **Reading Week (w/c 22<sup>nd</sup> June).** During this week your son will follow a different timetable. He will have 3 (4 on some days) subjects a day. Each subject department will provide some reading linked to their subject with the aim of inspiring your sons and creating an interest in academic reading. There will be some small tasks but no more than an hour per subject. As with Inspiration Week, with the extra time gained we want the boys to do their best to learn another new skill or build on the previous one. This skill will again be shared with their Form Tutor.
- **Activity Week (w/c 6<sup>th</sup> July).** During this week your son will follow a different timetable. He will have 3 (4 on some days) subjects a day. Each subject department will provide an Activity linked to their subject with the aim of inspiring your sons and possibly creating some family activity tasks! Tasks might include preparing a family walk route for Geography, cooking the family meal for Cookery, designing a nutritious meal planner for Biology. Again, this will be a week with reduced screen time and some great opportunities.

We hope this programme will continue to inspire and motivate your sons in their learning. This plan may well change if we are able to return to school before the end of the school year.

Many thanks indeed for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

**Alex Wallace**  
**Deputy Headmaster**