

17 June 2021

Dear Parents

Just as we were all hoping for a normal end of term, our hopes have been dashed. Much of today has been spent reviewing the calendar. It is quite incredible to see the amount of activity we had in place for the remaining weeks of term. Sadly, many of these events will now need to be postponed and in the saddest cases cancelled. We have missed having parents in school; it is not the same without you and we hope this is just another temporary pause. We are well practised now in making many events remote but it is simply not the same. Please continue to read letters and notices as decisions start to be made.

### Exam week

The students have been exceptional in their approach to the exams this week. Despite the very warm temperatures, they have worked diligently and I am sure they will fulfil their potential when the results come out in two weeks' time. I was on invigilation duty today and the behaviour and approach were impeccable. But for me, the most pleasing thing was the polite attitude of all students in the group. Every boy I handed a paper to greeted me with a thank you, almost as if I had given them a chocolate bar rather than a Spanish Reading Paper! These little (but important) qualities are what really matter. Yes, the grades help, but being polite and courteous will need to be with you forever, if you are to truly succeed.

We hope the 3 days study leave (2 and a Physical Activity Day for Y7-9) for your son proved useful. The Teacher Assessed Grades forced us into this decision, but it has given your son a taste for how to really prepare for an exam. It will be interesting to see whether it has impacted the results. Many thanks to the parents who may well have had to rearrange their timetables to support their son. The SIMs app has meant that we record this study leave as an authorised absence. If we have any concerns over absence, the Attendance Team will be in touch. We are delighted with your support during the whole pandemic in terms of attendance. Thank you.

### Assessed Grades submission

Tomorrow is our deadline to submit the TAGs. It is hard to put into words the amount of pressure this has put on not only the pupils but also the staff. Pupils and staff deserve great praise for what they have all been through. We certainly hope no other year group has to face such challenges and I know there have been many casualties from the teaching profession over the last 18 months. Thankfully, our staff, like our pupils, are an incredibly resilient and hard-working team, but we are also desperate to never face such a scenario again.

### Year 11 - Into the Sixth Online Programme

We hope the Into the Sixth work is going well for your son. If he would like to view any other subject areas during this period he is welcome to log on to the portal on the website. Many thanks for the engagement in this process. The login details are:

Username: [sixthform@rgshw.com](mailto:sixthform@rgshw.com)

Password: RGS HW2021

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Please see link to this news story on the website - [click here](#). Any further support that can be offered would be much appreciated by the School. Many thanks in advance.

I hope you and your family enjoy a well-deserved rest at the weekend.

Kind regards

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