

31 December 2020

Dear Parent

I trust and hope that you had a good time with family over the Christmas period. I wish you all a very happy new year.

It will not surprise you to hear that my Senior Team and I have spent some time digesting the Government announcements and reviewing the guidance. We will implement the guidance in the way which best suits the needs of our School community and in the spirit of 'business as usual'. This is a 'starter for ten' letter; there will be more detail coming out in the next few days pertinent to specific areas of the School.

ALL STUDENTS: We will start term, as planned, on 4 Monday January. There will be **online lessons** (which will, as before, be in a variety of forms) for all students. Students should join their Form Group 'Teams' at 0845 and should be present at every lesson **according to their normal timetable**. Teachers will take a register. The exception is non-examination PE and Games.

We will be working to follow current Government guidance in terms of getting students back on site (Year 11 and the Upper Sixth on 11 January, all other years on 18 January) but I must stress that this may well be subject to change, depending on the situation with the pandemic.

VULNERABLE CHILDREN/CHILDREN OF KEY WORKERS: We will offer on-site provision for students who require it. Please see the accompanying letter.

BOARDERS: We look forward to welcoming many of our boarders back on Sunday 3 January. Fraser Youens House will be open as normal. Mr Scourfield will write to parents of our boarders regarding provision.

YEAR 7: We are aware that Year 7 do not currently have iPads. We hope that families will be able to make provision during the day for their sons to take part in lessons, but we will ask that teachers make lessons accessible so that your sons can do the work at another time, if necessary. More details about how we might help will follow.

EXAMS: The BTec PE exam will take place, in School, as planned on 6 January. The mock exams will be put back by a week. Further information to follow.

SCHOOL BUSES: As far as I am aware, buses operated under the auspices of Buckinghamshire Council and private services are running as normal.

COVID TESTING: We have put robust plans in place to offer the testing programme which the Government has requested schools participate in. Staff will be trained in the administration of the tests next week. There will be forms etc for parents and boys to complete. We will be testing in the following order: Staff, Years 11 and 13, all other years. The timetable and forms will be sent out next week.

I would refer parents to Government guidance: *'Throughout, all children and young people should continue to comply with the rules set out for the tier they are in, and parents are asked to help ensure their children are following those rules. That particularly includes those related to mixing with other households when they are not at school and when they are travelling to and from educational settings.'*

With best wishes

Yours sincerely

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