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9th June 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Principal's Update

I hope you and all your loved ones are keeping safe and well.

I wanted to update our school community on a few key issues and provide some clarity in regards to our position as a school and what measures we are taking in the current climate.

GCSE results day 2020 / Year 11 farewell

We are currently in the process of quality assuring and submitting grades for our year 11. This has been a complex process and I wanted to take the opportunity to thank all of the staff members who have been involved in this process. Once we have successfully submitted our data to the relevant exam bodies I should receive guidance on when results will be published (this date is currently set for *Thursday 20th August*) and hence plan how we will conduct our 'GCSE results day' (i.e. how we can facilitate guidance and information on Sixth form applications). We are also planning a special farewell surprise for our year 11 students (they have not been forgotten!) so please watch this space!

Proposed re-opening for year 10

We are currently in the process of submitting plans and risk assessments to the trust to confirm if we have met the necessary criteria to start receiving our year 10 students for the remainder of term. I would envisage that if everything goes to plan we will have 2 days of staff inset on Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th of June. During this week teachers will be contacting individual students to talk about where they are within specific subjects (which would help our curriculum planning). The following week (w/c Monday 22nd June) would commence with students attending for English, Maths and Science lessons in small groups (no more than 10). These sessions would only last 2-3 hours of the morning and students would be based in one classroom with their own individual desks and resources. Option subjects could then be delivered online in the afternoons whilst students are safely at home, whilst in the meantime the school areas in use could be cleaned daily. Additionally we would plan that one day each week the school would be closed for deep-cleaning.

Once we have received approval from the trust we will send out a comprehensive plan so things are completely clear - I simply wanted you all to be aware that we are working hard behind the scenes to open the school (for our year 10) as soon as is safe to do so. Sadly, in line with government guidance we must continue to provide online educational provision for students in years 7-9 and have no plans as yet in regards to the how/when Ernulf can open for them. My thanks to all teachers, parents and students for continuing to upload, access and submit some brilliant work across a range of subjects.

Primary transition

All parents of our new year 7 should be advised that there will be no face to face transition days planned for this term - instead we will create some online provision so students can find out about their new Head of Year (congratulations Mrs Burton!) and the rest of the year 7 team. I will be sending a letter to all primary schools

explaining this and confirming that the school has commenced 15 minute appointments for new students to be measured for their uniform in the next few weeks. I have duly apologised for any disruption this might cause our primary colleagues with their own re-opening plans.

As this week progresses I should have some further clarification on our plans moving forward and I will ensure that I communicate this information as soon as I possibly can - thank you all for your continued diligence, dedication and support.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Bissoo', with a horizontal line underneath.

Mr A Bissoo
Principal

