

29th December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I have delayed writing to you, until there was definitive advice from the government, but unfortunately this has not been forthcoming and I did not think it fair to delay communication any longer. As of today, I can confirm the following:

- Year 11 students will be back in school from Tuesday 5th January.
- Students in Years 10 and 11 sitting their BTEC music exam, should attend school as usual on Thursday 7th January. Year 10 will be dismissed at the end of the exam.
- Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 students will have work on Teams from Tuesday 5th January. These will be live lessons wherever possible, following the normal timetable and timings. If a teacher is absent then work will be set, instead of being live, for independent learning. All students are expected to complete their five hours of learning each day. If your child cannot complete the work at the set time or you have any issues accessing Teams, please contact your son/daughter's Support and Guidance Manager in the first instance to ensure your child does not fall behind with their learning.
- Year 9 exams will be rearranged with further details to follow.
- School will be open for children of key workers and vulnerable students from Tuesday 5th January. If you would like to take up this offer, please contact your son/daughter's Support and Guidance Manager on Monday 4th January.
- We hope that all students will return to school from Monday 11th January and further details will follow next week.
- When we have more details about the implementation of rapid testing, I will also be in touch as we will look to mass test all students in Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 in the week beginning the 4th January, if possible.

In the meantime, I would like to thank you for your continued support over this very difficult time and wish you all a healthy and happy 2021. Take care.

Best wishes,



MR. W. THOMPSON
Principal