

Dear Families,

Welcome to the Summer Term and we hope you have all had a restful break.

We would like to thank you for your continued support during this challenging time. We are all very proud of the commitment, resilience and compassion demonstrated by everyone in our school community. We will continue to work together to ensure that we offer your daughters the very best support as we adapt to this temporary remote-learning environment.

Exam updates

As you may be aware, the Government has announced that students in Year 11 and 13 should get the grades they would have achieved, had they continued to study, and that these grades will be based on teacher assessment. The exam results will be published on the same days as they would have prior to Covid 19 (13th August for A levels and 20th August for GCSE's). We can also assure you that we have robust systems in place to ensure that we have all the information we need to provide these teacher assessments. For those in Year 10 and 12, we are waiting for further information and will share details as soon as we can.

Remote Learning

Teachers will continue to set appropriate work and you will find information about all our remote learning platforms, and support for parents with home learning, on our website. You will also soon find information on the website about a special Art & Design 'Acts of Kindness' challenge, book reviews, film reviews and BBC home learning resources. Reading lists will also soon be available for all students and, in particular, for Post 16 preparation. We are also introducing a new reward scheme to recognise the hard work and achievements of our students. Please continue to encourage your daughter to fully engage with the remote learning activities, whilst maintaining healthy periods of breaks and rests.

Health & Wellbeing

We all recognise the importance of maintaining health and well-being during social isolation and we understand how difficult this will be for our young people and families. We continue to offer pastoral support and well-being services; students can access these by contacting their Pastoral Manager via email. Details about staying safe and further support can be found on the website. In addition to the government e-voucher for students entitled to free school meals, we continue to provide some hampers for those in most need.

Our thoughts are with all those who have experienced loss and suffering in our community and to our courageous NHS staff and key workers.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need any further support or information.

Kindest regards

Ms Haigh and Mr Cooper