



15th July 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

END OF YEAR LETTER & KEY DATES FOR THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR

It has been a somewhat unusual term but we have managed to maintain a routine via our virtual school including culture week and virtual sports day for Years 7-9 and virtual work experience for Year 10. The end of year progress reports are being out this week and I hope that you find the contents helpful in supporting your child. This last week continues with our virtual school while the staff are in school preparing for the new academic year which will bring its own challenges. It is difficult to predict what the landscape for September will look like. Your child should prepare to return to school in full school uniform and with their usual equipment. I will write again to you in the new term with an update to these arrangements based on the latest Government advice. The children of key workers and vulnerable students remain entitled to attend school as from Monday 7th September 2020. Staff are returning on Wednesday 2nd September with the Sixth Form returning that week for registration and timetable collection. Our Year 7 and 11 will return week commencing 7th September. We are staggering student returns to ensure that your child is safe and understands how the school is operating in their whole year group bubbles. This means that we are working very differently as a school as each year group will be located in specific base rooms. Logistically, this is a challenge for schools and I am grateful for your forbearance whilst we continue to provide an engaging and challenging education and experience in a safe and welcoming environment. Below are the key dates for the new academic year 2020/21 which are all subject to Covid 19 guidelines:-

Dates	Year Group
Thursday 3rd September 2020	Year 13 Timetable Collection (10.50am-12.30pm)
Friday 4th September 2020	Year 12 Registration and Timetable Collection (10.50am-12.20pm) Year 7 Nurture Groups (9:00am-1pm)
Monday 7th September 2020	Vulnerable and Key Worker Students Year 7 Day 1 (all day) Virtual School for all Years 8-11
Tuesday 8th September 2020	Year 7 Day 2 (all day) Virtual School for Years 8-11 Year 12 Induction, UCAS & Careers Session (all day)
Wednesday 9th September 2020	Year 7 and Year 12 (all day) Year 13 Induction (9.05am-10.45am) Virtual School for Years 8-11
Thursday 10th September 2020	Year 7, Year 12 & 13 (all day) Virtual School for Years 8-9 Year 11 Briefing and Tutor Time (9.30am-11.30am) Year 10 Briefing (12noon-2pm)
Friday 11th September 2020	Year 7, 12 & 13 Lessons (all day) Virtual School for Years 8-11 Year 8 Briefing (9am-11am) Year 9 Briefing (9.30am-11.30am)
Monday 14 th September 2020	Year 11 Return (Years 7, 11, 12 & 13 Lessons) Virtual School 8-10
Wednesday 16 th September 2020	Year 10 Return (Years 7, 10, 11, 12 & 13 Lessons)
Monday 21 st September 2020	Whole School Returns
Thursday 1 st October 2020	Open Evening for Secondary Transfer
Thursday 8 th October 2020	School Photographer on site

Term Dates – Academic Year 2020/21

<u>Autumn Term</u> Term Starts: Thursday 3rd September 2020 <u>Half Term</u> : 26th-30th October 2020 Term Ends: Friday 18 th December 2020
<u>Spring Term</u> Monday 4 th January 2021 <u>Half Term</u> : 15 th - 19 th February 2021 Term Ends: Thursday 1st April 2021
<u>Summer Term</u> Term Starts: Monday 19th April 2021 <u>Half Term</u> : Monday 31st May – 4th June 2021 Term Ends: Friday 16 th July 2021

Bank Holidays

Friday 25th December 2020 (Christmas Day)
Monday 28th December 2020 (Boxing Day)
Friday 1st January 2021 (New Year's Day)
Friday 2nd April 2021 (Good Friday)
Monday 5th April 2021 (Easter Monday)
Monday 3rd May 2021 (Spring Bank Holiday)
Monday 31st May 2021 (Whitsun Bank Holiday)
Monday 30th August 2021 (Summer Bank Holiday)

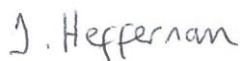
From Monday 7th September 2020, students are expected to log on to our virtual school as usual and staff will be continuing to make their calls home to ensure that all is well and help with any issues relating to work until their year group is back on site.

As we come to the end of term, I would like to thank you as parents and carers for your support. I would also like to thank staff for their exceptional contribution at this demanding time and especially those we wish farewell to: Ms Adderley, Maths teacher, Ms Oguntohun, Business and Economics Teacher, Ms Davies, Head of English, Ms Ramchuk, PE Teacher, Ms Joy, Science Teacher and Ms Knight, Librarian/English Teacher.

Ms Whyte, Associate Headteacher, also takes up her Headship at St Aloysius' College from September 2020 after ten successful years at Cardinal Pole Catholic School. I am sure that you will join with me in thanking her for her contribution to the work of the school and assisting the school on our journey to flourishing as an Outstanding Catholic school.

Enjoy the summer break. May God continue to watch over us all.

Yours sincerely,



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EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER