



21st April 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

WELCOME BACK!

I hope that you had an enjoyable Easter break and were able to meet family/friends socially distanced. Both students and staff are happy to be back at school and are ready to embark upon the Summer term as it gradually eases out of lockdown.

We start the term with good news to be celebrated in the form of the success of one of our students, Bukky Bakray on winning a BAFTA "rising star" award for her performance in the film "Rocks". We also congratulate our students on the hugely successful charity collections that took place before Easter. Students managed to raise £968 for our Lenten charities including Caritas, the Catholic Children's Society, CAFOD. We also welcome the return of Ms Connolly, Assistant Headteacher, from maternity leave and Mr Ozokolie, to the Business and Economics Department.

Claiming financial support under the Test and Trace Support Payment Scheme

The Government are continuing to offer financial support for people who have been advised to self-isolate. A payment of £500 may be available if you have been advised to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace, or you are the parent or carer of a child who has been told to self-isolate. This is a discretionary payment which is subject to set criteria and would be in addition to any benefits and Statutory Sick Pay that you receive currently. For further information and details about how to apply please visit the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/test-and-trace-support-payment-scheme-claiming-financial-support/claiming-financial-support-under-the-test-and-trace-support-payment-scheme>

Uniform Reminders

May I remind parents/carers that we have a strict uniform policy at school (available to view on our website) which precludes the wearing of non-uniform scarves, hats etc. If seen in school or the community, they will be confiscated. Please note that it is only Years 11 & 13 that are permitted to wear plain black coats, all other year groups must wear the Cardinal Pole School coat. Black socks only should be worn.

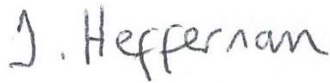
The website also details banned items from school such as mobile phones and this includes not only inside the school building but also within the school vicinity. I ask that you ensure your child complies with this regulation as it becomes an unnecessary source of conflict between staff and students when these are confiscated. Please note that confiscated mobile phones will only be returned on a Friday after school and then only to a responsible adult.

Key Dates for the Term

Year 11 Parents' Evening	:	Wednesday 28 th and Thursday 29 th April 2021
May Bank Holiday (School Closed)	:	Monday 3 rd May 2021
New Intake Parents' Evening	:	Thursday 13 th May 2021
New Intake Interviews	:	Thursday 20 th & 27 th May 2021
Half Term	:	Week commencing Monday 31 st May 2021

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



Ms J Heffernan
HEADTEACHER