

19<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Dear parents

# **Teaching and Learning Update**

We wanted to update you on some developments on our approach to teaching and learning as the period of school closure continues.

#### 'Small school'

Our small school continues to operate every weekday from 10am - 2pm. This provision is for students who fall into three categories:

- a) Students whose parents are key workers
- b) Students who are vulnerable
- c) Students whose parents who have now returned to work in approved settings and where no viable alternative for home schooling exists

Please update us if you consider that your context meets these criteria and you wish to benefit from this service

### Planned phased return

You are about to receive a letter updating you on our next steps to move towards partially re-opening for face-to-face teaching. Please read this letter and complete the attached survey which will help with our planning.

## **Revised online delivery**

Following a range of staff training episodes we have delivered remotely, along with some useful parental feedback, we are expanding our offer of live (or recorded) lessons for Year 12 students from 18th May. We've planned a staffing timetable for this to happen, so that students are not disadvantaged by simultaneous live 'broadcasts'. Students need to continue to consult google classroom, which is our vehicle for organising our online teaching. We are planning a further extension to this delivery in the week commencing 1 June.

## Online assembly

An assembly for Year 12 students is planned for this week with useful information about the time ahead and we look forward to meeting the students in person when we can ensure that it is as safe as possible to do so. We are also looking at the feasibility of a 'live' assembly for Year 12 students in the near future. This will enable us to continue to explore themes relevant to this period in the year; these include the selection of the 'Head Team' of student leaders and the graduation of Y12 into Y13 (based upon successful completion of work throughout the year).



As ever, thank you for your kind words of encouragement and support though this period. It means a lot to us all. We also appreciate all of your efforts to support home learning.

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Yours sincerely

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