

05 March 2021

Dear Parent / Guardian

You will be aware from recent Ministerial announcements unfortunately there is no set date for the return to face to face teaching for Years 8-11. I want to thank all parents and pupils for the level of commitment and perseverance you have all shown as you work with us on our remote learning platforms. There has been exceptionally high levels of pupil engagement across the whole school community and whilst learning remotely is no substitute for face to face teaching, the majority of our young people are showing high levels of independence, strong work ethic and resilience in their learning. As time goes on I do acknowledge it is difficult to maintain this momentum, however, I would urge everyone to keep going and try their very best to "Pursue Excellence".

In order to help with future planning, there are a few key dates you need to be aware of. They are as follows:

- **Tuesday 9th March 2021: This is 'Catch up' day 2.**
 1. There will be no Google Meets or any new work posted on this date (note no e-mail/messages from pupils or teachers.)
 2. Pupils who have completed all their work can have an 'off-screen' day. This will give them an opportunity to relax, perhaps read or exercise.
 3. Pupils who have not completed all their work are to use the day to ensure any missed work has been completed.
 4. Key worker supervision is available in school as per normal.
- **Wednesday 17 March 2021: St Patrick's Day – Public Holiday (school closed)**
- **Friday 26 March 2021: Last day of Term for KS3**
- **Monday 29 March 2021 – Wednesday 31st March 2021(Inclusive)**
Year 11 'Catch-up' sessions. No new work will be posted on Google classroom, however, all incomplete work must be submitted by Wednesday 31st March 2021.
- **Monday 12 April 2021: Term 3 Begins for All Pupils.** Please note that there is no date for return to face to face teaching, therefore, assume (unless communicated other wise, remote learning resumes)

Parental, Pupil and Staff Survey feedback

There was an extremely high level of feedback from all stakeholders in response to our survey on Remote Learning. The findings have been analysed and we will inform how we move forward with our Teaching and Learning provision. I want to thank the many parents and pupils for their supportive comments regarding the school's provision, which have been communicated to staff and the Board of Governors.

Pupil Well – Being and Support

If for any reason, you or your child require any support or help, either academically or on a pastoral level, please do not hesitate to contact the College either via e-mail or telephone. The appropriate member of staff will contact you as soon as possible.

Once again, I want to thank you for your support in these very difficult times. Please stay safe. And keep well.

Yours Sincerely

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