

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for all your support over the year, particularly for helping your child(ren) during school closures. We know how tricky this has been and we also know, the children are happy to be back. Some evidence for this is the excellent attendance of students. We currently have an **average attendance of 96.1%**. Can I encourage you to keep your child attending until the end of term which supports their engagement, socialisation and wellbeing.

There is a long summer break ahead for the students of seven weeks and we know that some students find these breaks stressful. We really want to encourage all students over the long summer vacation to keep reading and increase their reading over the summer holidays.

To support this **Reading Canons** will be sent to parents before the Parent Tutor Day along with the report for your child. These are the best **top three books from each department** relating to your child's year group. This list should be important to your son/daughter across the coming academic year as well as the summer holidays.

We expect all students to complete **two books on the list** by the end of the holidays.

So, as we are come to the end of this challenging year, with its many changes, twists and turns, I wanted to write to you about the forth coming year **Academic Year 2021/2022**.

All Students will return for an induction period at the beginning of the new year in the following order, start on:-

<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Years 7 and 12</b>
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Years 8 and 13</b>
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Years 9, 10, 11</b>

**These induction days are very important to your child's induction and all students must attend for all of the days.**

However, students will have lateral flow tests in school before they return.

- Year 12 and 13 will be tested on the afternoon of Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September.**
- Year 7 will be tested on the morning of Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September.**
- Year 8 will be tested on the morning of Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September.**
- Years 9, 10 and 11 will be tested on the morning of Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September.**

We all wish our students and their families a very enjoyable and safe summer holiday and we look forward to starting the new year in September.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Delia Smith". The signature is written in a light grey or blue ink on a white background.

**Delia Smith**  
**Principal**