

1 June 2020

Dear Parents

Welcome to Term 6

Welcome back to Term 6. I do hope that you and your loved ones are all well and have had the opportunity to find some time to relax and enjoy the wonderful weather.

Firstly, thank you for all your continued support during Term 5. I appreciate that this has been a very difficult time, but we have really appreciated the lovely emails that you have sent staff to thank them for their hard work and commitment.

The responsibility and resilience shown by our students when coping with the huge disruption to our lives over the last months has been fantastic. I have been amazed at the way the vast majority have engaged with their learning in such a positive way.

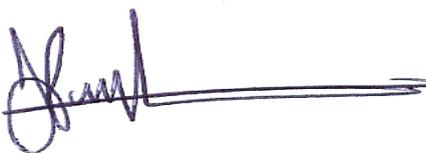
Following the Government announcement on the 28 May, you will be aware that it is very unlikely that we will have Y7, 8 or 9 back in school before September. Y10 and 12 will be having some face to face contact this term but will not be returning to fulltime schooling before September. For all groups, we will be continuing with our online provision and are not intending to further change the students' timetables. I know that many of you are concerned about your children falling behind in their studies, but please let me assure you that the teachers are taking great care to plan how we manage this when we eventually come back to school.

We will be writing to Y10 and Y12 parents before the end of the week to explain, in greater detail, the plans that we have for the opportunities for face to face contact.

May I take this opportunity to say goodbye to the Y11 and Y13 students, who would have been starting their study leave at this point under normal circumstances, and wish them all the best with their future. It is very sad that we did not get the opportunity to say our usual farewells, but we are planning to send some personal messages over the next few weeks. If your child is in either of these year groups, we will not be continuing to make our usual weekly contact. If they are intending to return to NTC then we will be sending work to be completed. If you have any concerns about their next steps please do not hesitate to contact their Head of Learning Community for advice.

I am looking forward to a time when we will all be able to return to some normality.

Yours sincerely



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