

Monday 2nd November 2020



This week welcomes students and staff back after a very well deserved break. I was hopeful by this half term that we would be approaching something like a normal school week but that perhaps seems further off than ever at the moment.

We will continue to make sure that everyone at the school adheres to the guidelines and procedures that we have put in place and this will make the school as safe as possible whilst still maintaining a full and enriching experience for our pupils. I would ask parents/carers to re-iterate to their children of the need to be as considerate and careful as possible in following the guidelines, particularly in the less regulated areas such as on public transport where we expect all students to wear masks to protect themselves and each other. We have not received any more specific guidance for schools from the government so will continue to try to offer further opportunities to students, the PE department are going to begin some extra-curricular clubs after school and KS3 homework club although online will continue to run.

We are also starting this week a Year 11 homework club to help those students who may need a little more guidance or help with their studies. Sadly this will only be available for Year 11 so that we do not mix bubbles but we are continuing to look for ways to support students beyond the classroom.

As before half term please do make sure that students are kept off from school if they or anyone in their household is displaying any of the symptoms of Corona Virus.

I have included a link below to help parents follow the latest guidance on Covid-19, please be aware that there is no need to keep pupils at home if they are suffering from a cold and feel well enough to attend

school, if however this accompanies any of the symptoms as described then please follow the guidance to keep them and any other household members self-isolating until a negative test has been returned.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/coronavirus-in-children/>

Should there be a positive case in school we will follow official guidance and inform parents/carers of all students at school giving advice as to next steps.

I hope you are all well and managing in these strange times and I very much look forward to the students returning this week.

Best Wishes

Simon Martin