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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a restful break.

It was lovely to see all the students back at the start of the new term.

The current COVID situation in the city appears to be broadly positive, with cases at a low level, but it is important that we continue to share and reinforce key messages to keep us all safe.

- Additional COVID home testing kits are available from individual year offices for students to collect, as and when needed. The DfE have recommended that families continue to test twice a week. Please see previous communication about informing the school with results.
- Students all need to continue to follow the advice and guidance to help prevent the transmission of the virus. Over the Easter break the government confirmed that face coverings should continue to be worn in secondary school and college classrooms, as a precautionary measure. The advice and guidance on the use of face coverings is expected to change as part of step 3 of the government's proposed road map. I understand that at this point, which will be no earlier than May 17th 2021, face coverings will no longer be required to be worn in classrooms, or by students in other communal areas.
- If we do get positive cases through either a PCR test or a confirmed LFD test result, we will need to go back through the process established last term. This involves identifying proximity contacts and where appropriate, having to inform students of the need to self-isolate for a period of 10 days.

We have been communicating with parents / carers of students in Y11 and Y13 separately, but would like to congratulate the students on the level of resilience they have shown in these uncertain times. We have planned a number of assessments throughout this half term, that students will take. In addition to work already completed, this will help staff determine individual grades in each of their subjects.

As you will have seen from previous letters we are starting to re-introduce aspects of school provision that had previously been put on hold. Extra-curricular activities have started again. The PE team have gone for a multi-sport approach that we hope will give as many students as possible the opportunity to get involved in after school activities. We are hopeful that given the latest government guidance, we will be able to go ahead with our Y7 Big Camp (Friday 2nd July 2021) and



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Y8 Valley Challenge at the end of the summer term. Mr Hunting has also started the preparation and planning for our Duke of Edinburgh Awards programme. Whilst no final decision has been made about the Y11 Prom, we still have a provisional date in the calendar (Wednesday 7th July 2021) and I am again hopeful that government guidance by the time we get to July, will allow this really important event to take place.

Building work continues across the two campuses, with all projects currently on schedule. The new photo lab and dark room on the Nevill campus was completed over the Easter break and students are already enjoying the use of this fantastic new facility.

Please be aware that work on the Valley campus reception and dining hall, means that we need to limit visitors coming onto site during the school day. If you need to contact and / or meet with a member of staff, please make an appointment in advance. It is also important to reinforce the entrance on the Valley campus is also now the exit for both cars and bicycles.

Without minimising the anxiety or concern that the pandemic still presents, I am increasingly hopeful that we are moving towards more normal times and that slowly the school experience for all our students, including those joining us in September can reflect this changing, more positive context.

Best wishes,

Jim Roberts
Head teacher



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