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15<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

The end of a year always brings about reflection and a time of looking back at the achievements of the last few months. It certainly has been an unusual term, one that we would never have predicted. However, our staff and students have made us proud and have remained resilient, positive and engaged.

Our drive to strengthen teaching and learning continues; all staff have worked hard on building on approaches to classroom practice and reducing learning gaps to enable student progress. This term has focussed not only on keeping high quality teaching and learning provision sustained in school, but also on switching as seamlessly as possible to our remote learning provision. Harnessing the best from technology has been a learning journey for both students and staff and we have made strides in fine tuning our practices to be better and better. I am proud of our journey to date and we continue to learn and improve.

Year 11 and 13 have undertaken assessments and mock exams to judge progress and to pinpoint areas to develop and improve in. I have been pleased with their focus and commitment to doing their best. Thank you for your support as parents and carers in encouraging hard work, good revision/study habits and a focus on the next steps that each student must take to achieve their potential.

#### **Diversity Week**

14<sup>th</sup>- 18<sup>th</sup> December is diversity week and our theme is 'Equality', which is one of our important school values. We look forward to students and staff exploring the theme in lessons.

Look out for our Twitter feed, where we will showcase the outcomes and experiences of our pupils.

#### **Christmas Jumper Day Charity Event**

The students took part in 'Jumper for Joy' - raising funds for 'Save the Children' on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December. Students can still make a donation of £1.00 if they haven't already.



#### **Last Day Arrangements**

The autumn term ends on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020. Secondary and 6<sup>th</sup> form students will have brunch in school before they are dismissed. **To maintain the bubble concept, dismissal will be staggered as follows:**

Year 7: End of day at 12:10

Year 8: End of the day at 12:15

Year 9: End of the day at 12:20

Year 10: End of the day at 12:25

Year 11/12 and 13: End of the day at 12:30

On the day your child can bring in snacks and a drink, but no sharing will be allowed in order to maintain good hygiene. This is particularly important in order to protect families as we enter into the holidays.

It is important that your child remembers to empty any lockers and takes home all belongings.

### **School Uniform and taking pride in looking smart**

I want our students to wear their uniform with pride and the vast majority do. High standards of uniform set the right tone and create the right mind-set for effective learning. Pride in one's appearance is very important. To that end, please ensure your child attends every day, wearing the correct uniform, identity badge and lanyards, suitable footwear and with an appropriate haircut. Your child should have a suitable outdoor waterproof coat. Your child must not bring jewellery or valuable items into school. Thank you for your support with this.

### **Staff Farewells**

As the year comes to an end, we have to say goodbye to Ms Matharu who will be leaving us. On behalf of all the staff we thank her for all her work and contribution to the Creative Arts Faculty and Waverley School – she will be missed. Sadly, we also have to say goodbye to Mrs Cain, who has supported all of our students mainly in primary, particularly those with SEND. We wish her well too in her new role.

### **Key Dates for your diary for Spring 1**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021: Teacher Training Day (school closed to all students)

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021: Start of Spring 1 (school open to all secondary students at normal staggered start times)

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2021: Year 11 Online Parent Consultation Evening (more information will be communicated)

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021: End of Spring 1 Half term

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021: Start of Spring 2 (school open to all secondary students at normal staggered start times)

### **Normal Start times on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January**

Year 7: 8:30

Year 8: 8:35

Year 9: 8:40

Year 10: 8:45

Year 11/12 and 13: 8:50

Finally, may I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. I wish you all a safe and merry festive period and look forward to welcoming back all of our students and their families in January 2021.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Lloyd



Head of School-Secondary Phase