

12th February 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

I must first begin by acknowledging how much has been achieved during the past six weeks that we have been in lockdown. It has been inspiring to see how, as a community of staff, students and parents/carers, we have all come together to ensure that the main priority, our students, have received the best possible education and been given outstanding support as they have adapted to their new mode of education and life in general. Your role in this has been essential for success and we know it has not been an easy achievement.

Parent/Student Survey

Thank you for the many responses to our survey which was communicated to you on Tuesday 2nd February. We are collating these and will use your invaluable feedback to improve and inform our remote provision for the coming weeks.

Date for Opening of Schools

Although there is currently much in the media about schools reopening on 8th March, this remains an aspiration of the Government and has not been officially confirmed. The Prime Minister has said that he will give further information about when and how schools will reopen during the week beginning 22nd February. We will communicate how we will reopen to you as soon as we know more.

Testing of Students

As we await official confirmation of the next steps regarding reopening, we are already making preparations and putting additional safety measures in place to ensure the safety of all students and staff. During the week commencing 22nd February you will be sent a letter from the Academy requesting consent for your child to be tested so that we can get as many students back into school as possible once the Academy reopens.

Forthcoming Events for Next Half Term

Fortnight commencing Monday 22 nd February	Year 11 interviews for 6 th Form	
Thursday 25 th February	Year 12 Virtual Parents' Evening	Year 12 parents/carers, please click here for further details
Week commencing Monday 1 st March	Year 9 Options Week – virtual activities and events	
Thursday 4 th March	Virtual Year 9 Parents' Options Fayre	Year 9 parents, please click here for further details
Thursday 18 th March	Year 9 Virtual Parents'/Options Evening	
Thursday 25 th March	Year 10 Virtual Parents' Evening	
Wednesday 31 st March	Year 11 Virtual Parents' Evening – preparing students for progression	

Southfields Spirit

This week's edition of our parental newsletter [may be found here](#). Please read this to join with us in celebrating the work of our students.

Once again, thank you for all your work in partnership with teachers to enable home-schooling for your child. Although we recognise this is not the preferred model of education, there isn't any more that you could have done to support this. We value this support and have an appreciation



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of the challenges that you have faced. Most importantly, we applaud you as parents for what you have done to help your child engage with remote learning alongside your other responsibilities.

Please try to take the opportunity to have some quality family time without too much intrusion of IT, from school at least.

Yours sincerely



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