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Dear Parent/Carer

### **End of Term**

This autumn term has passed in a flash. We have been busy with ensuring safe student movement around the site, teaching and cleaning. Students and teachers alike have spent much time outdoors and much time maintaining healthy practices.

Your children are a credit to you all. They have been fantastic throughout this term, walking the one way systems, cleaning their desks, wearing their face covering, sanitising and responding so positively to numerous requests, even if they don't understand them. Most importantly, attendance levels have been very high, students are attending school all the time and, subsequently, learning and catching up on missed work due to the first lockdown.

In order to meet the safety requirements through this Covid period, we put in place arrangements so that students do not all start or finish at the same time, student bubbles do not use the dining hall at the same time, student bubbles do not mix, we have shorter breaks, students socialise in outdoor zones and, in places, we have a condensed curriculum.

Under these conditions our attendance rates for both students and staff surpass national and Wandsworth levels. Consequently, we will not be changing our arrangements until external conditions demonstrate a significant decrease in levels of risk.

We have been able to review the progress of most year groups this term and have identified a growing need for more support and intervention. Leaders and teachers are already putting in place interventions, either before or after school, but these continue to be restricted due to safety considerations.

Normally we would be having a number of festive events and performances at this time of year but this time these are very restricted and mostly virtual.

Most students will have their **final day of term** on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December** when school will finish at the usual time for Years 7, 8, 9, and 12 L2 students. Upper school Years 10, 11, 12, 13 and IG will have a staggered finish between 2.15pm and 3pm. There will be small numbers of selected students who will attend on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December in order to catch up. Parents of these students will be notified separately.

### **Spring Term 2021**

We are continuously reviewing the calendar events this year and have decided to postpone the planned INSET day at the start of term.

The new term will start for all students on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021**. Students should arrive at their usual differentiated time, in full school uniform, with face coverings, warm undergarments and winter hats and coats.

## Spring Term Dates - Provisional

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• First day of term for all students</li><li>• Year 13 Mock week begins</li><li>• Year 12 Vocational examinations start, until 22<sup>nd</sup> January</li></ul>
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Year 9 Options Fayre – a virtual event for students and parents</li></ul>
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> January 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Year 11 Parents' Evening – virtual</li></ul>
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Year 12 Mock week begins</li></ul>
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Year 13 Parents' Evening – virtual</li></ul>
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> February 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>INSET DAY – no school for students</b></li></ul>
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> February 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Year 9 Options/Parents' Evening – virtual</li></ul>
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Half term break</li></ul>
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Year 10 Mock Exam fortnight begins</li></ul>
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Year 12 Parents' Evening – virtual</li></ul>
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>INSET DAY – no school for students</b></li></ul>
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Year 10 Parents' Evening – virtual</li></ul>
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• IG Mock exam week</li></ul>
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Year 11 GCSE Preparation evening – virtual</li></ul>
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• End of spring term</li></ul>

All calendar arrangements involving parents will be virtual for the time being. INSET days are subject to change and depend on Government education announcements.

I hope that you all enjoy a well-deserved break and, where possible, spend some quality family time in a safe way.

Festive wishes.

Yours sincerely



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