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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you are all keeping safe and well! The rain has certainly returned but it has not dampened the spirits of our students! Congratulations to the following students for their efforts this week:

- 9A8 for completing a dissection at home
- 10AA/A1 English who went head to head in a Macbeth battle
- Year 10 Technology students who have started their coursework
- Year 8 for their creative Pentecost homework – some of the responses looked incredible!

Well done to all concerned!

We are now working on plans to ensure that more students can return to school as there is a big demand! If you are a Key Worker, can I please ask that you inform the school office if you do not want your child to attend the school on the days originally requested. If you are able to keep your child at home, we will need at least 3 days' notice so we can rearrange our plans. We have some children who are not attending as indicated resulting in spare capacity and other children missing out on the opportunity to return.

I thank parents for your co-operation with the above and hope you understand.

## Rewards

We are delighted to inform you that students who have reached the threshold for positive conduct points who would have been eligible for the rewards trip will be given a voucher this year. The amount will be dependent on the achievement points gained and will be equivalent to the subsidy that would have been provided for the rewards trips. Eligible students will be informed of their voucher over the next few weeks. Please be aware achievement points awarded after the cut-off point (1<sup>st</sup> June) will be carried forward to the next academic year.

## Parents of Year 10 and Year 12 students

We are currently firming up plans for the welcome return of Year 10 and 12 students. We anticipate that all students will attend school on at least 2 occasions in addition to their live teaching during the weeks commencing 6<sup>th</sup> July and 13<sup>th</sup> July. This will be a great opportunity for students to see some of their friends and teachers as well as establish what can be done over the summer holidays in preparation for Year 11 or 13. If your (Year 10 or 12) child normally travels by school transport, he/she will be able to do so on their 2 days. Please telephone the office by **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June** if your child will **not** require their place on school transport. I will send out separate instructions for those who will be using the coaches but parents should feel assured that social distancing will apply on the coaches. Please note that students should not wear face masks in school as they are proven to have a negative effect in the school setting. More details of these transitional days will follow separately.



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## Live Teaching

I have received a great deal of feedback from parents regarding the live teaching and know that parents do not want the live teaching to be affected by the above days. I am pleased to confirm this will not be the case.

## School Transport

We are currently working on plans for the new term and the hopeful return of all students in September (subject to government guidance). We will be writing a separate letter regarding transport but I am pleased to inform parents of returning students that, if they have paid the full payment of £625 for 2019/20, they will receive a credit of £126 towards their transport charge of £625 for 2020/21. This will mean that your payment for the academic year 2020/21 will be £499. Those who have not paid the full amount in 2019/20 will receive a credit worth £126 minus the amount still owing. There are some parents who owe more than £126 and we will be contacting you for payment in the next few days. Unfortunately, we are not able to offer refunds as we do not receive any government subsidy for transport and do not have the funds to cover such requests. Additionally, you will note that we have not increased prices for 2020/21 despite the losses that are made each year on transport. I thank our transport providers for their ongoing communication during this challenging time.

Finally, I would like to share with you this Sunday's Collect (the prayer in which the special characteristics of the celebration are expressed):

"Grant, O Lord, that we may always revere and love your holy name, for you never deprive of your guidance those you set firm on the foundation of your love. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever."

The Collect is clearly reminding us all that, through prayer, we will receive guidance and I pray that our whole community is guided as we work together to get through these challenging times.

Thank you for your continuing support and co-operation – it is very much appreciated.

God bless

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