

30<sup>th</sup> April 2021

## Newsletter – week 29

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you all have had a good week as we are now at the end of April already. Time is certainly moving quickly this year and two weeks of our internal assessments and progress checks for Year 11 and 13 have already passed. The next four weeks will remain busy for these year groups but I am sure a long weekend ahead is welcome respite. I have to say how impressed how hard our students have been working and the commitment that has been put into revision and preparation. We just have to keep going for a little longer!

Should the Government 'road map' of easing lockdown continue, we are delighted to say that we will be able to have our transition day for our New Year 7 pupils on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July. It will be so refreshing to be able to welcome our new students to the school and see them all face to face. There will be a confirmation for schools shortly and there is also an additional optional day planned for Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July. It is such an important day for the young people and we are pleased that this event is going ahead this year. We will also be receiving further guidance for summer events in general to include open events, sports days and celebrations.

We have been working hard on our curriculum provision for September 2021 over recent months to ensure that our curriculum offer remains broad and balanced with all subjects at Key Stage 3 having more contact time. Throughout this strange year, it has been difficult to give the full experiences to our younger years due to the 'bubble' system, ensuring that core subjects have increased curriculum time due to the amount of lost learning time and not being able to fully access specialist rooms.

In the next academic year we will be reverting to normal so that our Years 7, 8 and 9 can enjoy the full National Curriculum and use our specialist equipment across all subjects. We are pleased that our after school clubs are now up and running for all year groups and would encourage participation in an activity and to do something different beyond the classroom. Various sports and activities are on offer from tennis, rounders, football as well as a gaming club. The timetable is on our school website.

I would also like to say well-done to 120 year 7 and 8 students for taking on the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge this week. Whilst we don't get the results for a few weeks, our school always does exceptionally well with some achieving the highest awards. I will let you know the outcome when the results are in.

Wishing you all a restful and peaceful long weekend and I will write to you next week as we enter into May!

Yours faithfully,



**Mr R Denial**  
Principal

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