



7<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The end of another term fast approaches and I would like to take this opportunity to provide you with some updates.

#### School day returns to normal

This week the school day has returned to its normal timings with the removal of staggered lunchtimes and breaktimes. This should reduce confusion regarding lesson timings and help the day flow more smoothly. We will be asking students for their viewpoints on the arrangements over the coming weeks. The school registration/pastoral period starts at 8.50 am. Important messages are communicated to students at this time, so it is important that students are punctual.

#### Study Bus

The study buses have proved relatively popular and will continue next term. This will give students the opportunity to attend clubs/activities or extra study sessions.

#### New Build/Astroturf

In my last letter I asked for suggestion for names for the new build. We had a significant number of responses. The school council selected the following name – Y Celtec.

Unfortunately, the astroturf pitch has still not passed its health and safety certification. We are in contact with all relevant organisations, and hope that it will be completed by May.

#### COVID

We are expecting further updates in the next few weeks. Relevant information will be shared with parents at the earliest opportunity. This term, we have managed to host a pantomime performance with a small audience, and we hope transitional events with our primary schools will return this year.

As we seem to be slowly returning to normal, I would appreciate your feedback regarding online parents' evenings. Please complete the quick online survey. [click here](#). Your feedback will help with our future planning.

#### Dates for the calendar

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April – Teacher training day

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April – Students return to school

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May – Bank Holiday Monday

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May – Year 8 Parents' Evening

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May – Year 12 study leave

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May – GCSE and A Level examinations

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Study leave for Year 11 and Year 13 (Half Term Holiday)

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June – Start of the last half term

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June – Year 12 return from study leave

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July – break up for Summer

This term has been particularly challenging with absences of both students and staff. I thank you for your cooperation and understanding. All we can do is keep persevering and trying our best.

Have a restful and peaceful Easter.

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