



Dear Parents/Carers and Students,

It is hard to know quite where to begin as I write my final letter to you at the end of an academic year I struggle to describe.

None of us could for one moment have predicted what we have been through, no one could have guessed what we have had to face. 2020 has been tough, traumatic, and demanding. Many of you may have experienced sadness and anxiety.

I must therefore begin by offering my warm best wishes that whatever you have experienced, or are still going through, the pain eases and things improve for you.

I hope that in some small way, we as a Trust and School have helped ease the burden for you and your family. I am incredibly proud of the way we have all pulled together as a community during this crisis.

The commitment and flexibility of the staff to adapt and change to meet our new temporary role as a centre of learning and a community social care hub has been humbling, whilst also providing online learning. I would also like to thank all of you for your support, kind words and challenge to help us provide the best service possible.

The government announcement that the moment is now right for schools to safely open to all students from September is something I warmly welcome. It is clear evidence of the emerging optimism and hope that we are truly beginning to move out of the shadow of Covid. Our young people have suffered so much by being away from school — we have missed them terribly in school and we cannot wait to welcome them back.

I will provide the exact details of what September will look like for us as school during the summer holidays. Over the coming days and weeks, the government will issue further guidance, informed by scientific evidence and we will use this guidance to plan for a safe return to school for all students.

Thank you once again for your amazing support. I look forward to seeing your children back at school next term and meeting you all again when the time is right.

Yours sincerely,

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