



8 July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers, of students who will be in Upper 6th in September 2020,

You may be aware that the Department for Education published new guidance on Thursday 2nd September explaining how all children and young people should be returning back to Schools and Colleges in September to 'experience 'a full education'.

There are, as you may understand, challenges in trying to plan this. A crucial part of the planning is how we provide an outstanding education and also not be disruptive. Our aim is to provide more face-face- lessons.

I have really enjoyed speaking with many students over the last few weeks, when they have attended recent 1-1 sessions or the small face-to-face lessons. It is from these conversations that I know how much our students want to get back to College, to have classroom teaching and to be with their peers.

Therefore, I have decided to alter the start of term dates for Upper 6th and Lower 6th . I know this is a change from the published calendar but I absolutely believe this is the right thing to do for you, in light of the recent information from the Department of Education.

We will have Upper 6th students only, in College starting **Wednesday 2nd September through to Friday 4th September**. The aim is to maximise the teaching by subject and also for U6th to collect any resources they may need for the start of Autumn Term.

THEREFORE, PLEASE NOTE:

- **Wednesday 2nd September will be normal timetable U6th ONLY**
- **Thursday 3rd September will be normal timetable U6th ONLY**
- **Friday 4th September - will follow a normal Tuesday timetable to allow for more contact time with your subjects. U6th ONLY**

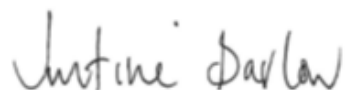
Ween Beginning 7th September: ONLY our new Lower 6th will be onsite. Upper 6th will **NOT** be on site and will receive remote online learning.

Week Beginning 14th September: We are finalising our plans and will share this with you soon.

I hope you appreciate decisions are made in the very best interests of our students and as guidance is published by the DfE, we have to respond to this and this may result in us making changes. Please be assured we aim to minimise change as far as possible.

Please keep looking at the website for further information.

Take care and best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Justine Barlow". The signature is written in a cursive style with a clear, legible font.

Mrs J Barlow
PRINCIPAL