14th July 2020

Dear Parent

As we near the end of what has been a most difficult year that none of us could ever have predicted, I write to thank you for your support and understanding and inform you about plans for September.

Despite some students not being in school at all and others only returning to school part-time in June, we have witnessed some fantastic achievements since the end of March.

Students that have returned to school have had to deal with the strictest social distancing, safety and discipline measures in order to access lessons and have coped with it admirably. Students working from home have also done incredibly well.

I would particularly like to congratulate all those students that have completed Bronze Arts Award, Bronze IDEA (Inspiring Digital Enterprise Award), level 1 Employability Award and Preparation for Work courses over the last term. This has meant learning to use online platforms and working independently and shows great resilience and determination to succeed in unusual and difficult circumstances. Students that have started online lessons with new teachers from North Yorkshire’s Medical Team deserve a special mention here as I know it has not been an easy transition.

I have attached your son or daughter’s end-of-year report with this letter. In line with government advice, this is a summary rather than the usual extensive report with detailed subject grades. I have also attached some information on how to access support if needed over the long summer holiday.

For those students returning to the PRS in September, I realise that some parents will have concerns that their child has missed significant amounts of learning as they move into or continue with GCSE classes. This is a valid concern and teachers will be assessing students at the start of the year to check gaps in learning so that these can be quickly addressed. There will be significant focus on teaching and learning in key subjects of English, maths and science to ensure that students catch up. Good attendance will be a requirement and we will need your support in ensuring that your child attends at all times. We are also expecting pupils to wear school uniform.

The government expects that all students and staff will be able to return to schools in September unless there is a spike in Coronavirus before September. We have been updating our Covid safety measures to ensure that students and staff continue to be safe as school reopens fully. The Government has published the guidance for the full opening of schools in September and this can be found using the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

The standard timetable in September will be Monday to Friday from 8.30am to 12.45pm from September. The only exception is that year 10 students will be doing work experience on Thursdays and year 11 students will be doing work experience on Fridays throughout the school year and students are generally expected to follow a full working day. You and your son or daughter will be contacted shortly by Claire Ackroyd of the YES service to discuss and arrange a work experience placement.

Please note that breakfast is offered to students in school from 8.30am. Students must not arrive before that time as there are no staff available to supervise them. As students finish at 12.45pm, we will not be serving a lunch in school. If your child is entitled to free school meals, please let the office know and we will make appropriate arrangements.

As is always the case at this time of year we are saying goodbye to some of our students. Year 11 students are moving onto apprenticeships and college places and medical students are transferring to lessons with the North Yorkshire Medical Service. It is incredibly sad for us all that we haven’t been able to see some students face-to-face to say a proper goodbye and, in the case of year 11 students, to celebrate the formal ending of school. It has been such a pleasure to work with all these students and the entire staff team send their very best wishes to them for the future. We do hope that these students will keep in touch with the PRS and update us on their future successes.

School will close for the summer holiday for all students at **12 o’clock on Friday 17th July** and will reopen at **8.30am on Tuesday 8th September**.

Please note that over the summer break we have two contacts to access for any Safeguarding issues or general concerns about the return to school in September:

Mrs Robertson - 07812 062459  c.robertson@cravenprs.org

Mr Crompton - 07812062509  g.crompton@cravenprs.org

May I take this opportunity to thank you, once again, for all of your support throughout this year and to wish you a restful summer.

Yours sincerely

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