



19 February 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians of Senior School and Sixth Form

I hope that you enjoyed a good half term, and the Remote Learning continues to go well. You will receive a short questionnaire next week to elicit feedback which is always welcomed and please accept my thanks for all that you are doing to support your child(ren) with their remote learning.

Phase 1

I am sure that you have listened to the regular States' briefings and will have welcomed the opportunity to move into Phase 1 from Monday. At the time of writing, there is no change to our provision for students in College, other than an option to invite in vulnerable students (or pupils), which we are very supportive of. For colleagues who have young children at home, the challenge to them to teach your children and keep the College running is being met with stoic resolve, incredible professionalism and requires huge resilience. I extend my thanks to them and on your behalf. Your words of encouragement are truly appreciated for everyone in College. Thank you.

I attach a document that arrived today from The Committee *for* Education, Sport and Culture and will revert once there has been the opportunity to consider the application of the content to our setting.

20/20 plus 10

You will be aware that we have 20/20 plus 10 in our Remote Learning Guidance policy. Please be aware that we have now asked colleagues to apply this to lessons as follows:

- 30-minute lessons should end after 25 minutes, to allow a 5-minute break, (or longer than 5 minutes which is at the teacher's discretion).
- 60-minute lessons should end after 50 minutes, to allow a 10-minute break, (or longer than 10 minutes which is at the teacher's discretion).

Parents' Evenings

We plan to continue to offer Parents' Evenings, which will now be offered remotely, and we will, in due course, provide details for parents and students who will be attending these events; Upper Four (3 March) and Lower Five (10 March). The date for Lower Four is yet to be confirmed.

To allow time for the teachers to prepare for these virtual events, on Tuesday 23 February 2021, work will be set for all Sixth Form students for all lessons scheduled at 15:00. For all remaining Senior School students (Remove to Upper Five), all lessons scheduled at 15:00 and 15:30 will be cancelled. I thank you for your understanding and your support for colleagues who are being asked to take another step into the unknown.

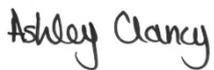
Please also be aware that on the afternoons of the Parents' Evenings, 3 and 10 March, teachers will have discretion to set work, to help to balance their day, which will require significant additional time in front of a screen, as well as helping them to prepare succinct feedback in the very time-limited forum that is created when using a virtual platform.

We have not taken the above decisions lightly, yet need time to support colleagues with training, in preparation for the new structure of online Parents' Evenings. With this in mind, we will provide a short questionnaire to both colleagues and parents, after these events, to elicit feedback to inform our future decisions, should we either choose or need to repeat this format in the future.

Thank you once again for everything you are doing during these difficult times and I reiterate my thanks to colleagues who have been amazing. I know it is far from easy for them too. I have been amazed at the response from the College community and thank each one of you for all that you are doing. In some recent Inset, my takeaway was that it is our relationships which put the 'e' onto human and make us 'humane'. Perhaps that is why in it together resonates so strongly, especially as we seek to balance everything that we do and keep well-being at the core.

Stay safe, stay well, and stay in touch.

Yours sincerely



Ashley Clancy
Principal