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Principal

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you are benefitting from the adjustments being made to the restrictions that have taken place in recent weeks as we move towards a 'new normal' way of living, and that you and your families are keeping safe and well.

We are greatly missing our students and the College does not feel the same without all the Year Groups attending. However, it has been a pleasure to have our Year 10 and 12 students back on site. Welcoming the students each morning has been a delight and the College is beginning to regain its usual buzz and sense of positivity amongst our staff and learners. Thank you to each and every one of you for supporting your child's return to College, they have all been fantastic in their attitude and commitment to this new way of working. Student attendance has been consistently high throughout and feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, which has provided us with the confidence that our partial re-opening plans have been a success in supporting our learners' needs given the restrictions imposed.

The government has announced that all schools in England will be re-opening to all students from September 2020 and as a result, we are carefully planning in order to ensure that we can provide a safe and effective return for all students, whilst providing bespoke support for the relevant Year Groups. Once detailed guidance from the government has been released to Headteachers, we will be in a position to finalise and share a full and comprehensive guide to all parents/carers before the end of the term to help you prepare for your child's return in September.

In the meantime, to offer reassurance and in preparation for the new academic year, we would like to advise all parents of the following:

- The College will be opening from **Monday, 7 September 2020**, reintroducing all Years in a safe and timely fashion to ensure all students are back to school as soon as possible, adhering to local and national guidance.
- We will be planning a detailed induction programme for our new Year 7 students and our Year 9 and Sixth Form students who are embarking on their new courses, to ensure a smooth transition.
- All students will be returning to College in **full College uniform** and we would therefore recommend that parents/carers prepare accordingly with the purchasing of appropriate footwear and uniform items. For those wishing clarification on our uniform standards and expectations, further guidance can be found on the College's website.
- All College transport will be running as normal and we would recommend that you secure your child's place with the appropriate travel provider for September.
- Please note that the last day of the Summer Term is Friday, 17 July, including the College's Educare provision.

Thank you for your ongoing support with your child's Home Learning during this period. The Year 8 Transition Tasks are now well underway and Weekly Menus will continue to be released until the end of term for Years 7-10. There will be some final live virtual opportunities for students in Year 7 and 8 across their Core subjects before the end of term; details will be

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shared in the Weekly Menus.

At the start of next week, we will also be writing to all our Year 11 and 13 students and their parents/carers regarding our leaving procedures, including the safe return of College resources. We will also confirm with you the arrangements for the Year 11 and 13 examination results days and provide further guidance following the government's announcements on the planned autumn examination series.

Please continue to use the College's Year Group support emails if you wish to contact us. Finally, I want to close with a thank you to all of you for your continued support for the College and everything that you have been doing to help and encourage your children through these challenging times.

Yours sincerely

Rachel Hutchinson  
**College Principal**