

5 June 2020

#### **Dear Parents and Carers**

As we start the last half-term of the school year I would like to thank you for your continued partnership, hard work and support of your child's learning and the school.

As you may have seen, the Government has updated its information for parents again this week:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june

# Year 10 pupils and Year 12 students

Pupils and students in Years 10 and 12 will also receive today a letter from Miss Eyre regarding our planning for a partial return to school for these year groups from the week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> June; this letter is asking for you to respond via Pupil Gateway by Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June.

### **Oxford University**

Earlier this week I was sent this link to the Oxford University website. There is some genuinely accessible and interesting material here for every subject for all of Year 11, 12 and 13. And the short videos, quizzes, links to special places like the Bodleian Library, the Louvre and National Gallery, as well as book recommendations. <a href="http://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/increasing-access/ug-digital-resources/students-over-16">http://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/increasing-access/ug-digital-resources/students-over-16</a>

There is an age 12-16 section as well alongside this.

## School building improvements

Over half-term considerable work has been done to improve our school reception, so that it can be safer in the current situation. New hand-basins have also been installed in the Sixth Form Centre to make it possible for us to use that as an entry point for staff and pupils:

Reception



Sixth Form Hand Basins





#### This week's Assemblies on Peace

I hope that you have enjoyed the contributions of different staff and students in our continuing series on the fruit of the Spirit. I must congratulate Stephen Opoku-Ware on his remarkable assembly yesterday and Paige Gravesande on her moving words and powerful prayer as part of Mr Archer's assembly this morning.

I know that many, like Paige, in our school community have been deeply troubled by the death of George Floyd in the United States and the questions it raises for us as a society. In thinking about my own response and the challenge to not be complicit by saying nothing about it, I have been much helped by a link sent to me by a colleague. In this short address, which is aimed at adults, Pastor Tope Koleoso of Jubilee Church, London, highlights sensitivity, responsibility and prayerfulness as the things we need in our response as a society. We need to think further about what that means for us as a school community, but I thought some of you might wish to see it. <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6XZx0BeqOAY">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6XZx0BeqOAY</a>.

We have been incredibly busy on all fronts this week and I know that Year 9 have been working hard at starting their GCSEs and that Years 7 and 8 have made a good start on their Assessments. So I hope that you find time to rest over this weekend.

Yours sincerely

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