



ST. AIDAN'S

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

2 July 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 10 students have risen to the continued challenges presented by this academic year and we have been impressed with the very positive approach shown by so many. They are to be congratulated for their character demonstrated during lockdown, with lots of students (and family members) making every effort to keep pace with work. The reintegration back into school has also gone very well, with students conforming to the 'new normal' and managing to get on with everyday tasks in a mature and thoughtful fashion.

We have been especially pleased with the way in which the recent formal exams were approached; it was good to see students learning the many routines required of them for their mock and final exams next year. They were excellent in this regard.

Adaptations to schemes of work, interventions at class level and lunch/after school are in place, which form part of our 'catch up' work - but the most important thing is to attend school whenever possible and do the work that teachers are asking them to do. Teachers adapt as they teach in order to get students to where they need to be. Ongoing dialogue with teachers is important and any subject specific concerns should be addressed to Heads of Subject in the first instance. Students are regularly reminded about being organised, using planners, asking for support where necessary and attending lessons ready to learn using our CODE values.

Exam results have been shared with students and improvement work has been ongoing since returning from half term. In some cases, papers have been retained by school; this is a contingency in case of any disruption to the examination system next year. Students have evaluated exam and revision performance with teachers, looking into strategies to become better going forwards. **Because the mock exams were delayed by a few weeks, the Year 10 Progress reports will now not be available to parents or carers until Wednesday 14th July.**

We have a review meeting scheduled before the end of term to look at the progress of the year group and put in place any further adaptations that we feel are necessary ready for the new term. If there are any questions or concerns, please let either myself or Mrs McQuire know and we will be happy to look at them individually.

We will write again to communicate further information towards the end of the school year.

With best wishes

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