



18 June 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Covid-19 including home testing, Examinations 2021, Transition into Year 7 this summer, traffic disruption in the local area

I hope that my weekly letter finds you well after a prolonged period of warm weather which appears to be coming to an end as I write to you.

Covid-19 including home testing

As expected, the Prime Minister announced earlier in the week that there would be a short delay to the proposed full reopening. With this in mind, we will not be 'returning to normal' prior to the summer holidays and our current controls will remain in place in line with DfE guidance published this week.

The DfE have asked all schools to remind parents of the benefits of continuing to test twice a week at home in order to identify asymptomatic cases, particularly in light of the delta variant.

I am encouraged that our controls have and continue to work well at the Academy. Let's hope we see the same trajectory of low infection until schools break for the summer.

If any parents have any other concerns related to Covid-19 in school, please contact us at the Academy using the email address COVID@srpa.co.uk.

Examination 2021

All of the examination boards have now accepted our policy for dealing with grading this summer. It can be found under Our **Curriculum, Examination Information**.

In addition, we have now submitted our full summer grading for Year 13 and Year 11 as today is the deadline. For these year groups, further information is available as above on the website. However, don't forget that examination results days are 10 August for Year 13 and 12 August for Year 11.

Transition into Year 7 this summer

I completed all of our transition visits this week with Mr Adlington and am really looking forward to working with our new Year 7 group. Plans for Year 6 pupils to visit the Academy during the week beginning 5 July have been shared this week. If you have any questions about this please do not hesitate to contact us via our dedicated email address transition@srpa.co.uk.

The final half term of the year is progressing well. We are already planning for September in terms of staff recruitment to key positions, use of the building in a covid and non-covid way and in relation to our ever-important curriculum offer for all year groups. After a very long academic year so far and a more low brow quote last week, I think it is time to quote the Bard himself: "Let me embrace thee, sour adversity, for wise men say it is the wisest course."

Let's embrace the final push towards the end of the academic year together.

Have a lovely weekend when it comes.

I will write again soon.

Yours faithfully



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