

3 June 2020

Dear Students; Parents / Carers & Staff,

I hope that all of your families are well and staying safe?

It has been a busy week in school again, making the final preparations for the Year 10 & 12 to return. We have been directed by the Government to only have 25% of these cohorts on school site, so it will only be a partial reopening. We are very much looking forward to seeing all those that are able to return to school, starting with Year 12 on the 15 June and Year 10 on the 22 June.

It will be fantastic to have more students on site!

Regarding the setting of work for students, please note that during the next few weeks and the period of partial reopening of the school for Years 10 & 12, work for students in Years 7, 8 & 9 will continue as normal.

For Year 10, parents / carers please note that during the allocated weeks in school, as the students attend tutorial sessions, no additional lessons will be set for core subjects (English, Maths – week 1, English, Science – week 2) on SMHWK. Year 12 will not be set work on SMHWK for the subject tutorials they will be attending. All other subjects will be supporting the process by setting work on SMHWK as normal. Around 75% of students in Years 10 & 12 have some work to catch up on, albeit in varying amounts and students should therefore make effective use of their time these weeks to catch up.

Please note that the students who are significantly behind with work in Years 10 & 12 will be contacted directly by the Head of Year or leadership staff and requested to attend additional days in school to catch up under the supervision of teaching staff.

For those students who are completely up to date with their work, which is around 20% of the cohort, there will be an opportunity to begin the Summer work / additional homework tasks set and directed by their teachers.

Also this week, please look at our website for details of all the SLAT Art Competition results and the entries. This was a tough competition and the standard was very high. Thanks to all those students, staff and parents who submitted entries. I am pleased to say that the overall SLATrust third place was awarded to Giles Academy student Emily Gedney – Year 8 ... well done Emily! We hope you enjoy using your luxury art pack prize. Additionally, for Giles Academy places: Kamila Dauksaite – Year 8, came first; Bethany Davis – Year 10 came second and Kian Imeraj – Year 8 came third. Mrs Pell also awarded a special prize to Ellie English - Year 7 for her contribution to the competition. Well done to all these students, an art pack will be on its way to you soon!

Finally, as things develop over the next few weeks with students successfully being brought back onto the school site, we will update you all on the progress made.

Kind regards – stay safe!



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