

**FRIDAY 10 JULY 2020**

Dear Parents / Carers; Staff and Students,

We hope everyone is well and staying safe?

It has been another busy week in school, as we prepare for a full school reopening with excitement and cautiousness from September 2020. Our plans are already very well developed and we will be writing to parents / carers to share all the details for students returning before the end of term.

Additionally, this week has seen the final week of the Year 10 returning to school programme and we would like to take the time to thank those students who attended school for the face to face sessions. Their behaviour and dedication to work has been exemplary.

Next week will see all staff returning to school for the final days of term. This time will enable key meetings to take place and classroom spaces to be organised, as well as allowing for myself and the leadership team to share more about what the 'new normal' for Giles Academy will look like in Term 1, so that our departments and pastoral teams can work together to plan a clear approach to support our students.

We are very happy with our planning so far and can reassure parents that the Government guidance is clear and we will be able to put robust systems in place in order to meet expectations, i.e. with students in 'Year Group Bubbles'; a clear one way system and areas of the school site 'zoned' to minimise student movement in order to keep our students safe.

We will be sending home further information for parents / carers before the end of term, which may appear very detailed, but we feel this is necessary so that our intentions are clear. For example, this information will include the details for re-opening; plans for GCSE and A Level / BTEC results days; attendance and behaviour information; etc.

As we approach the final full week of term, can we thank all our students for their hard work during this pandemic. Rather than start any new work, the final few days of term will enable our learners to have some valuable time to complete tasks; complete any catch-up work and complete any evaluations. Please contact us at the school if you have any questions about work until, the end of term.

As Government guidance is very changeable at the moment, please be reassured that we will be constantly reviewing and adapting our plans so that we are ready for September and we will continue to update all our stakeholders, as and when there are any significant changes over the summer period.

There will also always be staff available at the school to respond to parents / carers and students over the summer.

Kind regards



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