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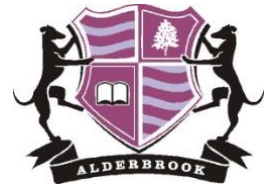
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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you and your families are safe and well. I am sure half term feels like a distant memory but I hope you were able to enjoy the incredible weather – alas, it seems to have disappeared for now!

There have been a number of announcements and changes over the last few weeks and I'd like to update you on a few key areas.

Phased reopening for Years 10 and 12

On Wednesday I wrote to parents and carers of Year 10 and 12 to outline our plans for some face-to-face contact from 15th June. The letter and safety information is available in the Coronavirus Information section of the website. **Please can I ask any parents of Year 10 and 12 that have not yet done so to respond to the survey by 3pm this afternoon, Friday 5th June** (the link to the survey is in the letter sent to these parents and carers). This will enable us to make the final preparations necessary next week. We will be again writing to these parents and carers with final details of the safety measures and days/times that students should attend.

Remote Learning

As I mentioned before half term, we have reviewed our provision of remote learning for all year groups. We have been developing more personalised approaches with specific tasks that students will submit to teachers, so they can check their progress overall. An overview of these tasks will be available on our school website shortly.

Provision for Key workers and vulnerable students

Our provision for children of key workers and vulnerable students continues and numbers are slowly increasing. Please ensure that you notify the school, preferably a week in advance so we can make arrangements for the appropriate number of staff to be on site to support students. We will not be able to accommodate students who turn up without prior notice.

Online Safety

Earlier this week we wrote to parents and also students, to ask them to complete a new Learner Agreement to support everyone to work safely online. Please encourage your child to complete the questionnaire about this on their Class Charts account, and go through these points with them.

Autumn Series Exam Consultation

Just before half term, Ofqual, the organisation that governs public exams, released a consultation on the potential Autumn exam series. The idea behind this series is to give those students who have not been able to sit their exams this summer, and who are not happy with the grade they are awarded, an opportunity to sit the exam and improve their grade. Ofqual's consultation is open to students and parents and if you would like to share your views is available here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/consultation-on-an-additional-gcse-as-and-a-level-exam-series-in-autumn-2020> . The closing date to submit responses is Monday 8th June.

New Staff

I would like to welcome Betsy Matthews, who joins Alderbrook as our Careers Coordinator, and Richard Dougall, who joins our team in the ARC.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

With very best wishes



Tom Beveridge
Headteacher