

16 July 2020

Dear Students and Parents/Carers

I am writing to confirm the plans for Year 13 students when they return to school in September. Year 13 students will return on Friday 4 September. Students should arrive on site by 8:45am and proceed to the sixth form block. The day will include a welcome assembly, a session on wellbeing, and an opportunity to ask all the questions we are sure you have. You will also be given an outline of the new procedures within the school, based on maintaining the safety of all staff and students.

I would like to ask students to complete the following end of year survey:
<https://forms.gle/m5ipdHkBUxc4VJ2F6>. This will allow the sixth form team to support students better over the next 12 months.

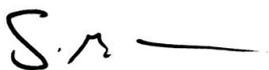
I would also like to formally mark the end of the year and to say 'well done' from me for all that you have dealt with over the last four months. When the decision was made to close schools, I did not imagine it would only be possible to have you back in school for such a small amount of time before the summer holidays.

The way that you have adapted to the challenges imposed on you by the coronavirus pandemic should be commended and I hope you feel you have not been given too much of a raw deal; indeed, your teachers have worked hard to try and mitigate the downsides to a distance learning model, and we have been fortunate to be able to supplement that with some face to face teaching. You have been forced to adapt to a new way of learning and this will no doubt have developed your independent study skills, putting you in good stead for your future learning.

As you know, when you return in September, I will no longer be here at St Katherine's and the responsibility of Head of Sixth Form will pass to Mr Davies. I wish you all the best for the next 12 months - I look forward to hearing of your successes in your summer exams next year.

Thank you for all your hard work since September.

Best wishes



Steve Colebourne
Assistant Headteacher