

# LANCASTER ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

I am writing to look ahead to the final weeks of term and beyond.

There is much to celebrate, even in challenging circumstances. It has been fabulous to see pupils engaging well and making good academic progress. Well done in particular to Year 10 and Lower Sixth students for their online assessment weeks. Lessons will continue on Teams for all year groups until the end of term.

Increasing numbers have taken part in school activities remotely: CCF, Chess Club, Bridge Club, Parallel Histories, MedSoc, Whewell Society, Parliament Ambassadors, Quiz competitions, Maths Challenge, the Set Run – amongst others.

We have increased the number of pupils in school in recent weeks. We now also have some Lower Sixth afternoon sessions in school. We will offer pastoral and academic check-in sessions to all Year 10 and Lower Sixth students who are able to attend before the end of term.

We will send pastoral reports for pupils in Years 7 to 9 before the end of term, and more detailed subject reports for pupils in Years 10 and the Lower Sixth.

## **Summer holidays**

The school will close at the end of term, and we will not be able to supervise pupils in school during the summer break.

Year 11 students have been sent links to their A-level bridging work, which will be particularly important this year. I hope that it provides a welcome focus and a springboard to A-levels!

We will send separate details of arrangements for A-level results on August 13<sup>th</sup> and GCSE results on August 20<sup>th</sup>.

## **September**

We will send further updates to boarding families about arrangements for return in September, when we very much look forward to welcoming our boarders back! We are exploring options for dealing with quarantine regulations for students who are currently abroad.

The government has signalled its strong desire to have all pupils back full-time in September. Our risk assessments and action plans for this include more hygiene measures, one-way systems, staggered timings to avoid queues and congestion, and modifications to practical activities such as music and sport. We will share those in more detail in due course. However, we are also trialling “hybrid teaching” in case the school is not allowed to return in full – with some pupils in the classroom while the lesson is streamed online to pupils at home perhaps on a rota basis.

The new term is due to start on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September for pupils in year 7 and the Lower Sixth, and for all other years on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. We may well need a slightly longer induction period for pupils this year, and a rolling start to the year. We will be in touch as soon as we have any details of this.

Thank you to all families for your support. Well done to pupils for their adaptability and persistence! With best wishes for the final few weeks of term.

Yours faithfully,

Dr C J Pyle  
Headmaster