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Dear Families

Virtual Year 11 Leavers' Assembly and Year 12 Induction

We had our Leavers' Assembly via Microsoft Teams last Friday. It was not something any of us could have imagined when we started the academic year back in September. My thanks to Mr Macaulay for coordinating the assembly, and ensuring that our magnificent Class of 2020 were able to reflect on their time in secondary school. I was pleased that we had such a large turnout with the majority of the year group and family members joining this assembly. We have been working with many students again today, for our virtual sixth form induction. I am delighted that we will have a large Year 12 in September and we will do all we can to provide the best possible support for all Year 11 students with destinations beyond Year 11 between now and September.

Our new Head Students have been elected

I would like to congratulate our new Head Students **Joshua Asiedu**, **Sevgul Giritiloglu** and **Samantha Porter** who have been appointed to their new student leadership roles this week following a rigorous application and interview process. They each equipped themselves very well, and they will play a very important role during the next 12 months, working alongside senior staff and leading our student body.

Student learning until the end of term

Keep going! We recognise the challenges school closure has continued to bring. Year 7, 8 and 9 students should aim to complete as many projects as possible before Friday 10th July. We then have a range of different activities to form the last week of term. Year 10 and Year 12 students have a full programme of 'live' lessons on Microsoft Teams as well as face-to-face lessons in school right up to the end of term. The last week of term will also feature our virtual Sports Day, the culmination of the House Competition, virtual Assemblies and our Lockdown Learning Awards. Miss Newman will be sharing more details in due course.

Individual meetings with students in Year 7, 8, 9 & 13

We have commenced individual meetings in school with Year 7, 8 and 9 students who have found lockdown challenging, and are planning to meet with Year 13 students who would like further support with decision-making about their next steps following the uncertainty caused by COVID-19. We will be following the same health and safety protocols that we used for individual meetings with Year 10 and Year 12 students and their families. Our pastoral staff are in the process of making appointments with families.

Government guidance for September and the proposed full re-opening of schools


This guidance for schools is due to be published by government later this week. The government's intention is for all students to return to school full-time. We will communicate our plans as soon as we are able to once the guidance has been published and we have worked through the implications for us.

A happy retirement ...

This week we say farewell to Marcia Alcock who retires after 28 years of distinguished service to the Turnford School, Haileybury Turnford and A10 communities. During her career, Mrs Alcock has been Head of Girls' PE and a longstanding member of the PE Department. She led many trips abroad including to Barbados, South Africa and she ran the school's annual ski trip for many years. She also organised school Dance Shows and through her work with the A10 Sports Partnership has had a direct impact on the health and wellbeing of hundreds of local primary school children. Marcia has taught thousands of local children, including many now HT parents over her career, and we wish her a long and healthy retirement.

Stay safe as lockdown continues to ease across most of the country.

Yours faithfully



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