

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the end of this most unprecedented academic year; I would like to write and inform you of our plans for finishing term and starting again in September.

Before I do so, I would like to sincerely thank you all for your support and understanding during this extremely difficult lockdown period. Every school has had to make massive changes, at very short notice, in order to ensure the safety of their students, staff and visitors. Undertaking such change has been really difficult. Your unstinting support has been immeasurable and I simply cannot thank you enough.

I would like to reassure you that your daughters have engaged with remote learning really well. In terms of the national picture; I have every confidence that our students have worked over and above what is being nationally reported and I believe that they will continue to go from strength to strength. Indeed, if anything, I hope that the enforced lockdown has enabled our students to return with a heightened sense of independent learning and our staff to return with improved levels of ICT skills aimed at promoting e-learning strategies. These will be invaluable as we embark on any additional provision for those who may need extra support or revision in preparation for future exams.

As well as the tragic loss of life due to COVID-19, we have all seen the reports of the murder of George Floyd. The #BlackLivesMatter protests, and movement, have given us all a chance to stop and reflect on the world we live in and what we can do to improve it. Davison is a wonderfully diverse school community and our vision is for everybody 'to live life in all its fullness and flourish as God intended.' Every organisation, in my opinion, has to stop and actively challenge itself to ensure that there is no subconscious bias or prejudice of any form. We are no different and we will be working with our staff and students to challenge ourselves and ensure that we are active against prejudice.

In terms of ending/starting term:

Term will be finishing, for all students, at 2.00pm on Friday 17th July 2020. The continual setting of remote learning will stop, at this point, so that your daughters can have a well-earned rest and focus on re-charging before the full return to school in September.

Year 7 Induction day will be on Monday 7th September 2020.

Term will start for all students on Tuesday 8th September 2020. Year Group specific 'staggered starts' will be in place, on this day, as outlined by the latest Government guidance. We will be writing to you nearer to the start date to give the most up-to-date information which takes latest Government guidance into account. Current guidance highlights the need for 'Year Group Bubbles' when all students return in September. We have already started to look at specific zones which will house students, within year groups, in order to minimise travel along corridors and around the school. We envisage that these zones will be in place for the month of September in the first instance. Please rest assured that we will keep you fully informed of our plans. There is a great deal of work still to do, in preparation for a full return, so please accept my apologies that communications may continue over the holiday period.

We do understand that this lockdown period will have been especially hard for some families who have suffered the loss of a loved one or the loss of employment. Do let us know if there is anything we can do to support your daughter to make the best possible start to her new

academic year with us. The contact details of our Colour Family leaders can be accessed via the 'Contact Us' section of our website.

All that remains, for now, is to offer my sincere thanks for all your support once again.

On behalf of all Davison staff, I really hope that you and your whole family are able to enjoy a wonderful summer together.

Kind regards,

Yours faithfully,

Chris Keating
Headteacher