



Friday May 29th

Dear Parent/Carer,

Just before a holiday, it would be usual for me to thank our teachers for their hard work, determination and patience. Given the current circumstances, can I extend these sentiments to you? I want to acknowledge the challenges you have faced, all the more so because we are trained specialists and you have been required to be a teacher of many subjects, a parent and in many cases, trying to do a full time job from home at the same time. I greatly appreciate all that you do for your children in these difficult times.

When students fully return to school, we will do our very best to ensure that no child is disadvantaged because of any gaps in learning. We will also be addressing any issues of anxiety and providing emotional support.

On-Line Learning

Thank you to everyone who has provided feedback on our on-line learning lessons. Our provision has naturally evolved over the past ten weeks, with increasingly positive feedback from staff and parents, evidence of growing engagement and many reports of excellent work. This has been a steep learning curve for all and I want to let you know that we have taken your comments on board. After half term, I will publish detailed guidance about how our on-line learning is evolving.

Towards A “New Normal”

Preparations for admitting Years 10 and 12 are based on the 2 metre social distancing rule. Classrooms have been re-configured and there are lots of signs and floor markings in place throughout the corridors. If social distancing measures are reduced to 1 metre indoors and 2 metres outdoors, as indicated by the Chief Minister in yesterday’s press briefing, then we will amend our plans. We are already in touch with the parents of students in Years 10 and 12, who have indicated that their children will return when schools are able to open more fully. Students in these year groups will receive their timetables on Tuesday 16th June. Uniform will not be required for the rest of this academic year.

Clearly, the likely intention to relax restrictions will be another positive step for our island. I am hopeful that we will soon have a greater degree of routine for everyone.

Over the next fortnight, we would like our students to take a well-deserved break. As we ask your child to put away school books and computers for the next two weeks, we hope you enjoy the rest too. It gives me great pleasure to officially announce that “Home School is out” for half term!

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'P. A. Burnett'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line under the name.

P. A. Burnett,
Head Teacher