

Sackville News

Friday 10th July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Looking back over this term, I am both **thankful and amazed by the way in which the school community adjusted to the demands of the closure period**. But every now and then something happens which brings into sharp focus just how different this summer has been. This week, we held the closest thing we can to **end of year assemblies** for our **year 10 students**, as they finished their in-school provision. What a **contrast to our usual summer assemblies!**

Despite the lack of the usual live music and teachers making fools of themselves, the year 10s enthusiastically received Mr Hayden's key message that we are all **looking forward to their return in September**. We know they will **continue with the same positive attitude** that has left them so well placed at the end of this academic year.



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On Friday we also started our well-being sessions for our year 7-9 students, who are coming into school two registration groups at a time. These sessions are really important for the students, as it gives them an opportunity to step into the school before the holiday and will make the return in September an easier one. Mr Feist drew the students' attention to the new **wellbeing pages on the school website**, which is packed with excellent advice on staying well over the summer and beyond. I would like to thank Mrs Nibloe for putting these together.

This week our **Year 6s** have had their first meeting with their tutors and fellow tutees, albeit virtually via **Zoom**. **Mr Endersby** has also been present in each session, and students have been welcomed to the school and informed about the special day they have on September 3rd, when only they

and the year 12s will be in school.

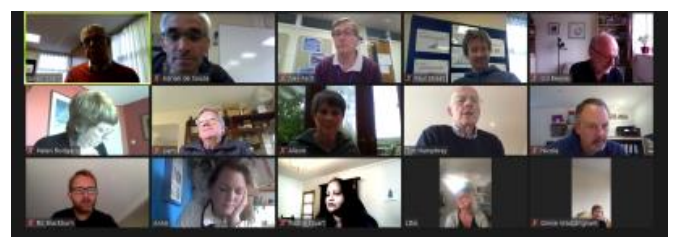
All of this work is aimed at making the arrival at school of all our students in September as smooth and stress-free as possible. As I said last week, from September we will be delivering a **full curriculum** to all of our students. All students will benefit from **five one-hour lessons each day**. To allow this to happen, we will keep year groups in **isolated bubbles** as required by the government guidance I wrote about last week.

We are putting together detailed plans for the return of students, since as you can imagine there are going to be significant changes to the way we work. Preliminary plans have been shared with our **governing body** (another virtual Zoom meeting!) and our **staff** this week, and we will share with you our **final plans on Wednesday of next week**. There could of course be some more alteration over the summer – please check your inbox at the end of August for a final update from us!

We will be hosting a **final parental focus group** this year on **Tuesday 14th July at 4pm**. The focus of this meeting will be the return to school in September. If you wish to join, please can you [email Mr Street](#).

Until next Wednesday, best wishes

Julian Grant
Headteacher



Our governors are becoming accustomed to virtual meetings!