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18th June 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope this letter finds you and your families in good health.

Unfortunately we have recently seen an increase in the number of students receiving positive tests for coronavirus and subsequently the number of students sent home to self-isolate as close contacts. It is important to note that we are not seeing an increase in transmission to academy staff. For this reason I have decided that from **Monday 21st June** we will return to the arrangement that all students (unless they have an exemption) are **required to wear a face covering in lessons** as well as when travelling within the academy buildings or indoors in communal areas. I ask for your full support with this and that you please ensure your child comes to the academy each day with an appropriate face covering until further notice.

This has been an exceptional year with various lockdowns, restrictions and changes to our normal practices. The cancellation of external final examinations for Year 11 and Year 13 students gave secondary schools and their staff significant additional responsibilities for generating Centre Assessed Grades for all examined students. This has meant that time which would normally have been spent on academy improvement priorities and preparation for the next academic year has been significantly curtailed this year.

I am therefore writing to inform you that we will now have an additional Inset Day on **Tuesday 27th July 2021**, and the school will be closed to all students on this day; the **last day of term for students** will now be Monday 26th July. I appreciate this is shorter notice than we would normally provide and under normal circumstances we would not add additional Inset days into the academy calendar. However, in light of organisational changes we have had to make during this exceptional year, we will be spending time on 27th July to focus on academy improvement priorities and organisation for September 2021. Teachers and support staff will be in the academy on 27th July focussing on these priorities.

I would like to thank you in advance for your support and understanding in these matters.

Kind regards

Matt Robertson
Principal

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