

The Bishops' Blue Coat Church of England High School



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Dear Parent/Carer,

This has been an extraordinary year for the Bishops' community, and we have made it this far because of your support, encouragement, and patience. I would like to extend the sincerest of **thanks** to you all on behalf of everyone here at school for everything you have done.

- Year 7, you did not get the full year to settle in but how you have worked under lockdown gives us every confidence for the future. You will have new year 7s to support and chance to act on the advice from your recent report.
- As for current Year 8, we want you to be leading the way and acting on your end of term report. Showing everyone what can be possible. We will be looking to you for that increasing maturity and ambition to get things back on track!
- Year 9, it was a pleasure for teachers to speak to you in our virtual parents evening and when you get back in September remember there's all to play for as you start your GCSE courses. You have two years in front of you and there is nothing to stop you excelling.
- In terms of years Y10 and 12, you might be anxious and nervous about what you may have missed, try not to be. Everyone in the country is in the same storm and everyone at Bishops' will be helping you construct the boat you need to be successful. Trust me, when you sit your GCSEs and A levels you will be the best prepared you can be. Year 10 RS GCSE results will be distributed at 8am on the 20th August to your school email address. We recommend students log into their email before Thursday 20th as a test - access is through office 365 on the school website and the username and password are the same as school logins. Should anyone require a password reset please email school@bishopschester.co.uk

Over the summer locker contents will be reunited with their owners with each form being taken in turn and key holders contacted. This summer there are over 100 holiday clubs, available [here](#), for free provision. For further information, please visit www.edsential.com/holidayactivityfund2020/

Our site improvement programme will continue and move from roof works to electrical cabling. This is important work for the electronic devices now used in education but is the type of work where we will see little visible difference! This summer sees the completion of our sports project with outside line markings renewed, sports hall walls painted, and sound boards installed. The PE department and our local partners have been fantastic in planning and supporting these improvements.

All our year groups can **be prepared for September** with our summer learning activities. Whilst it is important that our students take a well-deserved break, some students may be apprehensive about being ready for September. To help support students, all departments have connected the learning over the last few months with the Learning Programmes students will be following in September. Each subject has provided each Year group with something to read, something to watch and something to think about collated onto our [webpage](#). Within this section of our website, there are also links to well-being sites, to worship and reflection resources and exciting activities students can explore over the summer. These tasks allow for reflection, looking at a couple of subject areas each week would allow ample time for students to familiarise themselves with new topics before September.

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Reopening in September is being planned carefully and the risk assessments we are working to are published on the [school website](#). There will be details during the last week of August but key points to aid your planning at home are;

- 8.45-3.15pm (2.15pm Tuesdays) will remain the school day. Please could I ask that students are not dropped off/arrive to school before 8.15am.
- All year groups will restart in September: Years 7 and 12 attending from Wednesday 2nd September with years 8,9,10,11,13 attending from Thursday 3rd September.
- Bus routes are expected to operate as normal with students required to use face coverings. Face coverings must be removed in school with disposable masks placed in lidded bins, washable masks can be placed in a plastic bag and stored in a student's school bag.
- Normal uniform will be required, and PE kit used for practical lessons.
- Students will not be able to share equipment and should bring their own pens, pencils, a ruler and calculator.
- We are fortunate to have a spacious and leafy site and each year group will be based in a separate building. After school and extra-curricular clubs containing more than one-year group will not be possible for the first few weeks of term.
- All year groups will need to bring a water bottle and packed lunch for the first week of term with further information to follow during the last week of August.

Our end of year [Grapevine](#) where we **celebrate** our student's achievements before and after lockdown is now live on our website. Also pictured below are our key worker children who were in school throughout the lockdown period and made a Time Capsule. Some of these pupils chose to write about their experiences and feelings during lockdown, others chose posters or about the world in 2020, including posters about technology and even one showing the favourite sweets of children today! Several students created collages from newspaper articles in late June to show the early stages of the easing of lockdown.



As we close the term I am reminded that Paul wrote in his letter to the Romans, "...so that I may come to you in joy by the will of God and find refreshing rest in your company. The God of peace be with you all. Amen." My prayer for you this summer holiday is that you experience God's peace to be fully prepared and ready to start the new school year in earnest come September.

With best wishes, Mr I Wilson. Headteacher