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Acting Headteacher: Mr Mark Baines

25th September 2020

Dear Parent / Guardian

Despite the downpour on Thursday lunchtime, during which the students behaved admirably in the challenging circumstances, it has been another fantastic week with many highlights. I was uplifted to see the return of some of our music groups after school – the Year 7s rehearsing 'Uptown Funk' in the Main Hall brought all the staff who heard them so much joy.

I was also delighted to see so many students joining in with the after-school Sports Clubs. We hope to continue to expand our extra-curricular offerings whilst taking into account changes to national social distancing measures, ensuring that our students and staff remain safe.

With lesson 1 beginning at 08:50, it has never been more important for students to arrive at school on time for their learning and I thank you for your support in getting the students to the school on time.

COVID Related Absence Quick Guide

For your reference, please refer to guide to the procedures for <u>COVID related absences on the school website</u>. I hope this gives you some clarity on what to do in all scenarios.

Family

I am sharing with this letter some resources:

- A new CAMHS resource for parents and carers with signposting to online videos that provide advice to parents to support their child with understanding anxiety, and some strategies to manage anxiety.
- A new resource for parents and carers that summarises the key resources available to help maintain their child's wellbeing and address any emotional needs.

I encourage all families to look at these resources and where you would like further support please do access the materials and guidance they offer.

















'Come back to me' says the Lord

Following on from Bishop Philip's note last week, I know many families have returned to their local Parishes to celebrate Mass and I know the effort our Parishes have gone to ensure they are COVID secure.

I have attached to this letter information from the Aldershot Parish, but please do refer to your local Parishes website for further information.

Virtual Open Day

Next week will see the first Virtual Parent Evening for our Year 8 students on Thursday 1st October, which we hope will provide a great opportunity to some virtual face to face contact with class teachers. In addition to letters sent out to families, there is information on our school website.

Following local and national guidance, we will be unable to conduct our usual Open Evenings for the School and Sixth Form College, or to welcome families for a tour of the school at the present time.

We are very excited to be welcoming a film crew into school during the week commencing 28th September to film a 'virtual open day' series of videos, which will be featured on our website and on our Twitter feed. We will be featuring many of the wonderful aspects of All Hallows that prospective parents and students would normally be able to see during our usual open evening.

During that week, the film crew will be capturing footage of various lessons and other activities taking place in school, and we hope to include as many students as possible. If you have previously stated that you do not want your son or daughter to appear in any school media we will of course respect your wishes.

If your child has been nominated to represent the school by talking about their experience at All Hallows direct to camera, you will have been contacted already, by email, to seek your additional permission for this to take place.

Wishing everyone in our Family a great weekend.

Yours faithfully

M A Baines

Acting Headteacher











